

MILLING COMPANY ASK RATE SUSPENSION

The Scott County Milling Company, in a petition to the Interstate Commerce Commission dated January 3, is asking a suspension of the increased freight rates between points in Southeast Missouri and points to the south which are to become effective February 1.

The rates, the milling company declares are discriminatory and would unduly increase the burden which the farmers of Southeast Missouri are asked to bear. The following schedule shows a comparison between present and proposed rates:

The present rates from Sikeston, Dexter, Charleston and Poplar Bluff to New Orleans are: On wheat, 33c; corn, 29½c; to Vicksburg: wheat, 30c; corn, 27c; to Natchez: wheat, 31½c; corn, 28½c.

The proposed rates from these same points in Southeast Missouri to New Orleans are: Corn, 38c; wheat, 39c; to Vicksburg: wheat, 36c; corn, 34c; Natchez: wheat, 37½c; corn, 36½c.

The Scott County Milling Company is asking that these rates be suspended at least until the Interstate Chamber of Commerce have an opportunity to investigate them and that the Scott County Co., be privileged to appear at the hearing if held.

The petition presented outlines in detail the rates, showing why an increase would be unfair to agricultural and business interests of this section.

PIGEE, PIGGEE, PIGGEE, WHO KILLED THE PIGGEE?

Piggee, piggee, piggee! went the call with all the tender tonal inflections known to the Southeast Missouri hog callers. But no piggee answered. Then Raymond Bloomfield started a search for his pig. The pig as really a full grown hog and he had contracted for its sale along with several other hogs, that morning in town. His search was rewarded by finding the hog, or rather its remains over in a corner of his farm. Someone had killed the hog, skinned it and taken the hindquarters, leaving the rest of the meat, newly killed, lying upon a newspaper. This particular practice has victimized, not only Bloomfield, who is farming two and a half miles south of town, but several of his neighbors as well the past few weeks. Bloomfield was able to track the criminal for a short distance, but lost the tracks and was unable to run him down.

CASE CONTINUED BECAUSE ATTORNEY IS LEGISLATOR

Springfield, January 6.—For what is said to be the first time in many years in the Ozarks, a member of the State Legislature has exercised his right on that account to obtain a continuance in a criminal case. O. J. Page, Representative from the First Greene County District, obtained in this manner a continuance in the case against Edis Tinsley, charged in the Lawrence County Circuit Court at Mount Vernon with robbery of the Chaffin Cafe at Republic, some months ago.

The case is to be called at the January term, having been sent from the Greene County Criminal Court on a change of venue. Page requested Prosecuting Attorney W. W. Hamlin, formerly State Senator from the Twentieth District, to agree to continuance, and Hamlin refused. Page then filed a motion for a continuance on the statutory grounds that he is a member of the Legislature and consequently entitled to a continuance in any case in which he is an attorney. This automatically will obtain the desired continuance when the case is called by Judge Charles L. Henson.

Dr. C. W. Limbaugh served as the official in a baseball game Friday night between Dexter and Grey Ridge. He was accompanied by Mrs. Limbaugh and Mrs. Arthur Sensenbaugh.

The friends of Miss Lydia A. Kies will be interested to learn that she has just recovered from a serious operation performed at a hospital near Bombay, a thousand miles from her mission station. Her family here received a letter a few days ago, stating she had recovered sufficiently that she expected to leave the hospital the following day for her mission station at Baitalpur. About May she and some other missionaries will leave for America on their furlough and will come via Europe, expecting to visit the Holy Land on their way.—Jackson Post.

RAILROAD AGENT CATCHES MAN HERE

A six months search came to an end here Friday night, when Frisco Special Agent Hogsett, assisted by Chief of Police Kendall and Officer Daniels, arrested and took into custody, J. C. Johnson, wanted in Caruthersville and Hayti for breaking into railroad property.

Hogsett had been trailing Johnson since August 5, 1926, and had followed him to St. Louis; from there to Detroit, back to Cape Girardeau and then to Sikeston. Friday morning, Hogsett came to Sikeston and enlisted the aid of the local police. After a quiet investigation, it was determined that Johnson was in town and that he had been seen to frequent a certain house located on East Lake Street. It was decided that the best chance of finding him there would be to wait until about six o'clock in the hope of catching him while he was eating. The officers, waited until about six o'clock, dropped in and found Johnson, making their arrest.

Hogsett left with his charge Friday morning and was quite outspoken in his praise of Kendall and Daniels for their clever work in assisting him to make the arrest.

Johnson is eighteen years of age and formerly lived in Sikeston. The warrant under which he was arrested covered a felony charge.

MASONS AND EASTERN STARS INSTALL OFFICERS

Members of Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star met Thursday night in a joint meeting for the purpose of installing officers for the coming year. The members of the Eastern Star were the guests of the Masons and following the installation ceremonies, a delightful social hour was spent, refreshments being served. There were 200 Masons and members of the Star present.

The out-going officers of the Eastern Star were: Worthy Matron, Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth; Worthy Patron, W. E. Hollingsworth; Associate Matron, Mrs. Birdie Felker; Sentinel, Mrs. Lucy Humphreys; Treasurer, Miss Lillian Putnam; Conductress, Mrs. Eunice Forrester; Associate Conductress, Mrs. Melvin Limbaugh; Chaplain, Mrs. Nellie Mount; Marshal, Mrs. Clara Pate; Organist, Mrs. Margaret Burns. Star Points: Ada, Mrs. Bertha Lawrence; Ruth, Mrs. Eva Mow; Esther, Miss Jessie Bowling; Martha, Mrs. Lottie Martin; Electa, Miss Evelyn Sutton; Warden, Miss Nellie Hayden; Sentinel, J. W. Roberts.

The in-coming officers, who had as their installing officer, Mrs. Candice Green of Bloomfield, Past District Deputy Grand for the 50th District are: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Melvin Limbaugh; Worthy Patron, W. E. Hollingsworth; Associate Matron, Mrs. Nellie Mount; Treasurer, Miss Lillian Putnam; Secretary, Mrs. Lucy Humphreys; Chaplain, Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth; Marshal, Mrs. Clara Pate; Organist, Mrs. Hazel Young; Star Points: Mrs. Eva Mow, Ada; Mrs. Lola Dempster, Ruth; Miss Jessie Bowling, Esther; Mrs. Grace Malone, Martha; Miss Electa O'Hara, Electa; Warden, Mrs. Sadie Cunningham; Sentinel, Miss Fanny Becker.

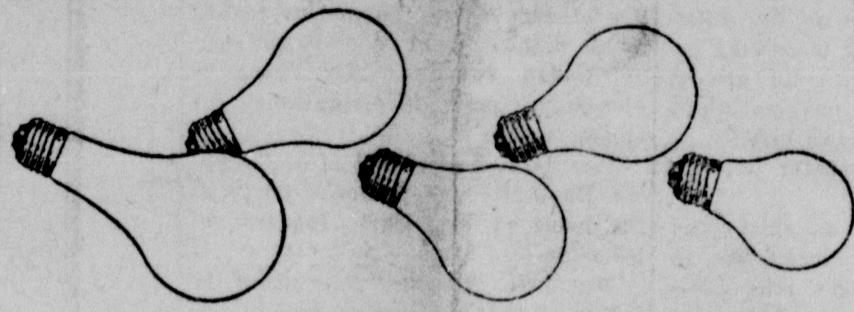
At the installation of the new Masonic officers, Dr. G. A. Sample, District Lecturer, of Chaffee, and Dr. G. W. Walker of Cape Girardeau, a member of the Grand Lodge, presided. The new officers were: Worshipful Master, A. C. Barrett; Senior Warden, T. C. Dye; Junior Warden, F. M. Mount; Treasurer, R. F. Anderson; Secretary, Lonnie Harrison; Senior Deacon, H. E. Dudley; Junior Deacon, Jean Hirschberg; Senior Steward, J. A. Moccabee; Junior Steward, Boyd Skillion; Marshal, J. S. Keil; Chaplain, I. G. Lewis; Tyler, A. C. Johnson.

Out-going officers were: Worshipful Master, J. H. Hayden; Senior Warden, T. C. Dye; Junior Warden, Rufus Reed; Treasurer, R. F. Anderson; Secretary, Lonnie Harrison; Senior Deacon, H. E. Dudley; Junior Deacon, Jean Hirschberg; Senior Steward, Wade Shankle; Marshal, F. E. Mount; Chaplain, A. B. Dill; Tyler, A. C. Johnson.

The Eastern Stars will have their first meeting of the new year, Thursday night. The first meeting of the Masons will be the following Thursday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in the parlors of the Methodist church. A special program has been arranged and all members and friends of the organization are invited to attend.

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BRIDGE COST FIXED BY CHICAGO ENGINEER

Cairo, Ill., January 7.—The cash cost of the Mississippi River bridge at Cairo will be about \$2,250,000, according to the figures of Engineer Dr. J. A. L. Waddell, and the whole project can be financed on a basis of \$3,000,000 was the information bro't back to Cairo today by Ronald Kingsley, secretary of the Cairo Association of Commerce, upon his return from a three days' conference in Chicago with Harry Bovay, promoter, and the bankers who will back the project.

The plan for financing the building of the bridge was worked out at the conference in Chicago and will be presented to the Cairo people within ten days. Under the plan as now contemplated, there will be a bond issue of \$2,000,000, a preferred stock issue of \$500,000, and debentures to the amount of \$500,000. There will also be a common stock issue of no par value, and with each share of preferred stock will be given as a bonus a share of the common stock. The preferred stock will bear 7 per cent interest.

Warren Kingsburg refereed a double-header basketball game between East Prairie and Vanduser, Friday night.

By a vote nearly five to one, citizens of the Bloomfield school district approved a bond issue for \$80,000 to be used in construction of a new high school building and rebuilding the present high school to be used as a ward school.

While driving to Sikeston Monday we noticed in a number of fields cotton picking in progress and met wagons loaded with cotton. It is late in the season for this kind of harvest, but in the fall many fields were left unfinished because the prices did not pay for picking, but now there is practically no work on the farms in that country and every dollar obtained from the cotton fields is the same as a dollar found.—Jackson Post.

HARD ROAD FRIENDS TO HEAD COMMITTEES

Jefferson City, January 6.—Safety for the State highway building program and the preservation to the State highway fund of the gasoline tax is virtually assured through the announced decision of Senator Cave, president pro tem of the Senate, and Speaker Winter of the House to appoint legislative road committees of known friendliness to good roads.

It is not the expectation that either will consider the question of whether road building shall be continued by the bond issue plan or the pay-as-you-go plan after the present bond issue funds are exhausted, but that question will be considered an open matter until after hearings are held.

It is probable that Representative Duensing of Lafayette County will be reappointed chairman of the House Committee on Roads, but there has been no intimation from Senator Cave as to whether he intends to reappoint Senator McCawley of Carthage to head the similar committee in the Senate. Two years ago these two chairmen, with the co-operation of the members of their committees, squelched all proposed legislation that asough to disrupt the road program.

Senator Cave today said he was in thorough accord with the building of highways of high type and that he would give every consideration to the selection of a committee in harmony with his views.

There have been reports that Senator Painter of Carrollton would like to head the Highway Committee, and the chairmanship probably rests between him and Senator McCawley. It virtually is certain that one of them will be selected and that the other will head the Ways and Means Committee.

Misses Hyacinth Sheppard and Doris Gilbert spent Saturday night and Sunday in Jackson, the guests of Miss Vanita Gackel.

EAST PRAIRIE LIONS FINANCE DAIRY CATTLE MOVEMENT

East Prairie, January 6.—The Lions Club has voted to advance money to finance the importation of a carload of good grade dairy cattle because of the establishment of a cream station by Sugar Creek Creamery. These cattle are to be placed on 25 farms about East Prairie. Others will be imported later.

At the meeting of the club Harry S. Roberts, president of the club, introduced C. C. Herne, district county agent leader, who made a talk and P. H. Teal, county agent, who explained some of the problems of dairying.

On January 13 a general meeting has been arranged to complete the business at which M. J. Raegan, dairy specialist of the University of Missouri, will speak, and agricultural agents of the Missouri Pacific and Cotton Belt Railroads will assist. C. S. Love of the Sugar Creek Company will be here at that time to establish the cream station.

The cows are to be jerseys and guernseys and will be bought nearby, probably in Cape Girardeau County. This is part of a movement to get away from so much cotton in the region, and also rescue the fast deteriorating sand lands of the section.

Miss Lela McGill of Bertrand visited with friends in this city, Saturday.

It is astonishing how some farmers and small fry in small towns are all wrong about the times. We have just been reading column after column in the larger newspapers and magazines about how prosperous we were in 1926, and how greatly our prosperity is to increase in 1927. We do not know as much about 1927 as we know about the past year, so will live in hope, but these swivel chair warmers who are handing out this dope about the past year, especially to the farmers, could as effectively tell a man with cramp colic that he was feeling fine.—Jackson Cash Book.

HIGH SCHOOL WINS DOUBLE HEADER

Sikeston High started the New Year right by putting a double header with Charleston in the win column of the score book. It was the first victory of the season for the boys, they having lost a pre-Christmas game to Morehouse, while the girls were winning. The scores Sikeston girls, 21; Charleston girls, 16; Sikeston boys, 23; Charleston boys, 16. Reed of Cape Girardeau was the official.

The Sikeston girls showed much advancement over their play in the opening game, their teamwork being of a faster, more even grade. They jumped into the lead at the start and though hard pressed at times, especially in the first half, managed to be out in front to finish with a seven-point margin. Score at half time was Sikeston 13; Charleston 9.

Line-up and summary:
Sikeston Points Fouls
Mount, f 14 2
Baker, f 7 2
Littleton, center 3
Mathis, c 2
Bratton, g 3
M. Baker, g 2
Harris, g 1
Charleston Points Fouls
Boyd, f 3
Ford, f 7
Avey, center 1
Grey, center 2
Bynum, guard 1
Howlett, guard 3
Brayfield, guard 1
Ford, forward and guard 6

The Sikeston boys, although still showing teamwork that at times was decidedly ragged, showed an aptitude for hitting the basket early in the game that kept them in the lead although until the very last, Charleston threatened to break loose and run wild. Williams, with ten points, was the leading scorer, while Burris from his position at running guard sunk three long beauties.

The line-ups:
Sikeston Points Fouls
Wisener, forward 2 2
Weekly, forward 1
Killgore, forward 3
Williams, center 10
Burris, guard 7 2
Mount, guard 1
Charleston Points Fouls
Barton, forward 9 2
Noland, forward 2
Brown, forward 1 2
Childres, center 4 2
Ogilvie, guard 4 2
Lee, guard 2

BIPARTISAN BILL FOR FARM RELIEF NOW UP

Washington, January 6.—A bipartisan farm relief bill, sponsored by Senator Curtis of Kansas, the Republican floor leader, and Representative Crisp, Democrat, of Georgia, was presented to Congress today in an effort to break the long deadlock on agricultural legislation.

It was presented in the Senate and House coincident with the resumption of consideration of farm legislation by the House Agricultural Committee, which voted to sidetrack discussion of the McNary-Haugen bill until next Tuesday and to take up in the meantime the Aswell bill, a measure which omits the provision for an equalization fee on agricultural products with which to handle the surplus crop problem.

Both Senator Curtis and Representative Crisp described their measure as designed to meet objections raised against pending proposals. It would provide for a Federal Farm Board and an appropriation of \$250,000,000. The duty of the board would be to insure "reasonable profit over cost of production" on farm commodities by declaring an emergency for any crop, when one existed, and permitting co-operatives to buy up the surplus and hold it.

A. C. JOHNSON HAS SPLENDID RECORD OF MASONIC SERVICE

A. C. Johnson, Tyler of the Sikeston Masonic Lodge, has with the year just past, completed an unusual record of service. He has occupied the position of Tyler in the local lodge for the past eighteen years and during that time has an almost perfect record of attendance, having missed only six meetings. In the performance of his duties, he has been unusually faithful and the local lodge considers itself very fortunate indeed to have him as a member.

Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth had as her guest Thursday, Mrs. Candice Green of Bloomfield.

TEN ROOM HOME BURNS FRIDAY A. M.

The ten-room frame house belonging to Mrs. Alice Edmonston, located on the corner of South Kingshighway and Kathleen Avenue, was completely destroyed by fire early Friday morning.

The house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Johnson and their four children, who narrowly escaped with their lives from the blazing structure. The family was asleep in the second story of the house, when the youngest child, Floyd Allen, awakened and called to his mother for a drink. She arose and pressed on the light switch, but the lights failed to go on. Then she went ahead and secured the water for the child and started to return to bed. She thought that she smelled smoke and thinking that possibly one of the children might have left a coat against the stove thus starting a fire, she awoke the rest of the family and ordered them to get down stairs. By this time the room had filled with smoke and the flames had created such an intense heat that the Johnsons were able only to throw about them them the first covering handy and rush from the building. Just as they left the house, the roof fell in and the flames broke out all over the entire second story.

The Johnsons went across the street to the residence of Dr. A. A. Mayfield from where they called the fire department. By the time the firemen arrived, the flames had taken possession of the entire structure and all the firemen were able to do was to fight back the flames from the outbuildings in the rear. Practically none of their personal effects were saved from the house. Mrs. Johnson carried a small amount of insurance upon their household furnishings. Mrs. Edmonston reports that the house is partially covered by insurance. For the present, the Johnsons will reside with Mr. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johnson.

The fire presumably started in the garret of the house from either faulty wiring or a defective flue. The entire frame-work was destroyed, the only part of the house left standing being the two tall chimneys.

FIRE ON RAILROAD RIGHT-OF- WAY BURNS TELEPHONE POLES

The fire department was called out just after noon Friday to the railroad right-of-way south of the Frisco station.

A fire, thought possibly to have originated from a spark dropped by a passing train, caught the grass and ignited a pile of pitch-dipped telephone poles belonging to the telephone company. These poles created a hot blaze which sent up a cloud of smoke that could be seen all over town. About thirty-five poles were destroyed in the blaze.

ANIMALS BETTER TREATED ON THE WAY TO MARKET

A decided decrease in violations of the 28-hour law, which prohibits the confinement of animals in cars longer than 28 hours without feed, water and rest, is announced by the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture.

There were but 227 cases of alleged violations during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1926, compared with 462 cases during the preceding year and nearly 700 cases in 1924.

The decrease shows increasing compliance with the transportation and quarantine regulations and an evident desire of transportation companies and their employees to improve the conditions under which domestic animals are handled in interstate commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard spent Saturday night and Sunday in Cape Girardeau, with relatives.

We hear a great many people saying that they do not receive adequate pay for their services. Among this number are most members of the county courts of the several counties of this state, who receive only \$5 per day for each day the Court is actually in session. Some members of county courts are in about the position of the old Indian preacher. Several years ago the Federal Government hired an Indian to preach to the Red-Skins on a western reservation. A cowboy ask the Divine how much pay he received by sky piloting. The preacher replied that he received \$100 per year. To this the cowboy replied, "dam poor pay", to which the preacher rejoined, "dam poor preach".—Caruthersville Democrat.

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CASH OR CREDIT

Nearly a thousand years ago, Omar Khayyam, poet, scientist, and philosopher, sang, "Ah! take the cash and let the credit go". Today it doesn't take a very close study of local conditions to arrive at the conclusion that Omar knew his human nature and that what was true in that dim, remote age, is equally applicable today. Those merchants who are finding themselves hard-pressed, find that their big trouble is too much credit on the books and too little cash in the register. They have had no trouble in selling on credit. "Buy now, pay later" is an attractive sales slogan that has made many sales. But, "Now pay for what you bought" is a slogan which doesn't collect in an equally efficient manner. And as a result, the merchant finds himself in an embarrassed position.

The trouble not alone with the majority of people in Sikeston, but throughout the entire United States is that they are attempting to live from one month to a year ahead of their income. They do practically all of their buying on credit and, consequently, are always behind their salary. Most of them doubtless buy in good faith, planning to pay at the accustomed time, but, sickness, accidents and the uncertainties of life frequently make such payment impossible and they fall behind, and find it impossible to catch up. And the merchant who sells on credit must carry the load. With the ease of obtaining credit today, it becomes a temptation to many who have no scruples about such matters, to take advantage of their credit to the limit with one merchant and then shifting to another to pursue the same tactics.

And when they cannot obtain credit, they buy at one of the cash stores.

So again the credit merchants hold the sack. With the payrolls that are distributed in Sikeston, weekly and monthly, there is really no need for credit to be extended by the merchants. The extent of the weekly or monthly salary is the extent of the person's ability to pay and the advancement of large credit over and above the limit of that salary, is a very dangerous proceeding as in a great many cases, the creditor is never able to fully overtake his obligations. Local merchants will find that the elimination of their credit business will eliminate most of their problems. It may cut down the volume of their business, but at the same time it will cut out losses from bad credit which will more than offset loss in volume. If the credit system is to continue, the merchants should at least protect themselves by the establishment of a Retail Merchants' Association with a Credit Bureau to determine the reliability of any person seeking credit and to keep record of his fulfillment of obligations. But until such a step is taken, merchants will find as did Omar, that it's far better "To take the cash and let the credit go".

A radio has been placed in the editor's home, we suppose to give us the benefit of the sermons, the songs and the prayers that have been turned loose on us. This Sunday night a particular flood of feeling prayers came our way, with beautiful choir singing, that made us feel that we were closer to God. While sitting in the quiet of the evening by the fireplace, we were a fit subject to have the services take hold of us and turn our thoughts back to when we were a regular attendant at church services. This is a confession to the public that we still have somewhere in our body a something that song and prayer can touch.

Response to the subscription statements mailed have been surprisingly good for which we are thankful. February 1 a new arrangement of our list will be made and many dropped, especially on the single list.

The Chaffee Signal in writing of 1926 events prints the following contemptible and willful lie: "Sikeston and Cape Girardeau newspapers joined in an effort to keep good roads away from Chaffee. We might add that we still have no good roads, but we're still trying!"

NEWTON TO LEAVE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Frank B. Newton, chief highway engineer for Division No. 10, has tendered his resignation to the highway commission and will leave the service department March 1. Although he has made no definite statement of the nature of the position he has resigned to accept, it is understood to be in one of the Western States.

Newton, at the insistence of the Commission, consented to remain with the department until March 1, in order to close up his work and aid his successor. Just whom the new engineer is to be, has not been made public.

Mr. Newton, in a public statement, said that he had been considering resigning for some time as the duties of his office have been of a very exacting nature, taking the greater part of his time, both day and night, and Sundays, and forcing him to be away from home a greater part of the time.

During his service as chief engineer of this division, since the inauguration of Missouri's road building program, Mr. Newton has supervised the expenditure of \$14,215,783 in the building of concrete, gravel and graded earth roads in this district. In this period, 474 miles of gravel road, 127 miles of combined concrete and gravel roads have been constructed while at the present time there are under construction 60 miles of road of various types.

Mr. Newton, prior to his connection with the highway department, was a mining engineer at Carthage. He was assigned to this district because of his experience, it being considered that the problems to be met in this section would be the greatest in the state.

Matters are well under way to liquidate the affairs of the Southeast Missouri District Fair and pay every cent that is owing. The amount of the indebtedness is not so much as the grounds will bring but the lack of ready money in the treasury to pay the indebtedness and carry on is the reason for the liquidation. It is believed all bills will be paid by the middle of February.

An unusual occurrence is reported to have taken place at the Bank of Lilbourn this past week. Someone, the receiver and teller, who made out the deposit slip have forgotten who came into the bank and deposited in the name of another party, a large package of bills, most of which had their edges seared by fire. Why such an unusual deposit didn't attract their attention to the depositor is unknown, but others, when told of the occurrence immediately thought of the recent Morehouse bank robbery and the currency taken from the safe which must have been scorched by the heat of the torch. Several other banks have been robbed in Southeast Missouri since that time and it is altogether likely that Sikeston may have a visitation from these robbers before they are brought to justice. A suggestion dropped for the benefit of banks expecting to entertain robbers is that they take the precaution, when opening for business in the morning, of throwing closed the bolts on their vaults and fixing them with the combination. In that manner, robbers will be prevented from locking employees in the vault, while they make their get-away.

The public should take with a grain of salt the so-called bickering between Governor Baker and the legislative branches of the State. The Governor has a right to consult with his appointees from time to time as to policies, and especially at this time when the Legislature is in session. His Administration will stand on its own merits in after years and small politics in the Senate and House will speak for itself. The Standard does not believe politics should enter the State Highway Department and we feel pretty certain there is no desire from the Governor to kick up politics at this time.

The Standard never again will lambast a negro crap game when other games are played day and night right along. The negro has got to have diversion and craps to him is just as good as golf and bridge to others.

Another proposition has been received by the publisher to set a price on The Standard. The first thing this man knows he is going to own a newspaper and the editor is going to have some miney.

There is one thing that The Standard is not guilty of and that is running a "Society" column!

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Welsh returned Friday form a several days' visit in St. Louis with the latter's sister, Mrs. E. C. Flint. On their return trip they stopped in Festus for a day's visit with Mr. Welsh's sister, Mrs. H. B. Drake.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Supt. D. L. Fisher and Harry Dillon went to Medco Sunday. Some important machinery recently bought from the Medco owners is missing. An effort is being made to find it.

The Morehouse basketball teams won a double header over Delta last Friday at the local gym with long scores in both games. Maggie Porter redeemed herself in the girls' game coming from behind to make most of the tallies. Next Friday will see a pair of hard games with Piggott, Ark., at the local gym.

Dr. C. H. Pease is receiving metropolitan attention through a number of the leading papers in regard to his discoveries of Mounds and other Indian remains. Dr. Pease is planning new investigations for spring.

Mrs. D. L. Fisher and Mrs. Josephine Hart attended a dinner party at the home of Mrs. Earl Johnson of Sikeston last week.

Mrs. I. H. Dunaway entertained the ladies of the Missionary Society and church at a thimble party, Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Paul H. Teal, who is moving to Charleston.

P. H. Teal will hold a big sale on Tuesday, January 18, at his farm one-half mile west of Morehouse.

Wm. Lowe is confined to his bed with pneumonia.

F. G. Zillmer and his partner, C. B. Watson of Sikeston, are opening a grocery store in Morehouse, the room formerly occupied by the Peoples Bank.

Ed Griffin, Ernest Crumpecker and Ola Avery went to Marston Thursday to view the results of the bank robbery at that place. They say it was as much like our bank robbery as two peas.

WELL KNOWN COMMERCE WOMAN DIES SUNDAY

Mrs. Jennie Crowder of Commerce, who was one of Southeast Missouri's best known women, died at her home in Commerce Sunday afternoon following an apoplectic stroke. She was found unconscious in the bath room of her home at 4:30 in the afternoon by Columbus Hunter, the caretaker of the house, and passed away, without regaining consciousness, an hour later. Hunter had gone to her home to replenish the fires and found her after she had failed to answer his calls.

Mrs. Crowder had attended church services in the forenoon and had dined with Dr. and Mrs. Blackledge going to her home shortly afterwards.

Mrs. Crowder was born in St. Francois County, but had spent the last forty years of her life at Commerce. She was widely known throughout this section for her activities in social activities and church work. Funeral services will be held at the home in Commerce Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment will be in a Cape Girardeau cemetery.

Sterling Lee Brown, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown of Matthews, died January 6, of pneumonia. Funeral services were held January 7, the body being laid to rest in the Matthews Cemetery.

The Sikeston Chapter of the D. A. R. met Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. C. Barrett, with Mesdames Brarrett and M. M. Beck as hostesses. The principal business of the afternoon was the election of gress in Washington during the delegates to the Continental Commonwealth of April. Mrs. Frank Van Horne was in charge of the program, Mrs. W. S. Smith furnishing an interesting paper. The next meeting will be held February 22 at the home of Mrs. Wallace Applegate.

ANNOUNCEMENT
We are authorized to announce Jno. H. Goodin as a candidate for re-election to the office of Superintendent of Schools for Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

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FOR RENT—Modern cottage, without heat, 5 rooms and bath, pantry, garage, garden, stable. Gladys and School streets.—W. R. Griffin, telephone 764.

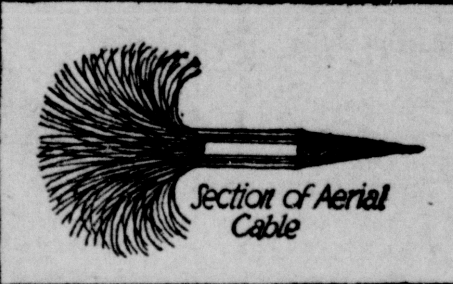
STRAYED—From my place, three mules, 1 black mare mule, 5 years old, 16 hands high; one brown mare mule, 15 hands high, about 9 years old; one brown bay horse mule about 7 years old, 16 hands. Reward for information leading to recovery.—Grover C. Baker.

A GREATER TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR MISSOURI



\$10,040,000 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR 1927

LONGEST TELEPHONE CABLE IN WORLD



The longest telephone cable in the world, from St. Louis to New York, was opened for service on December 15.

The cable is 1206 miles in length, and contains 500 wires, forming 250 complete telephone circuits. As many telephone conversations can be carried on through the cable as are usually held over ten open wire pole lines. While these conversations are taking place, more than 500 telegraph messages can be sent through the cable simultaneously.

This cable provides dependable storm-proof service from St. Louis to the Atlantic Coast. It will be extended from St. Louis to connect other large centers in the south and west as the volume of long distance calls justifies its construction.

The Bell System uses about 30,000 tons of paper a year in the manufacture of telephone directories.

REDUCED LONG DISTANCE RATES START AT 7 P. M.

Expenditure to Provide for Buildings, Equipment and Repairs

According to present estimates, \$10,040,000 will be spent by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Missouri during 1927.

About one-fifth of this sum, or approximately \$2,304,000, will be expended for aerial construction which includes poles, wire, and cables. An additional amount of \$1,860,000 is provided for underground conduit and cable.

By the end of the year 225,300 miles of wire will have been added to the Southwestern System in Missouri, enough to go around the State along the border line 153 times. The greater portion of this wire will be in overhead and underground cables.

18,000 NEW TELEPHONES

It is estimated that 18,000 new telephones will be connected to the Bell System within the State during 1927. To insure adequate telephone service for the increasing demand, \$5,876,000 will be spent for land, buildings, and central office equipment. At the close of 1927, it is expected that there will be more than 646,300 Bell System telephones in the State.

There are more than 300,000 employees in the Bell System, more than half of whom own or are buying A. T. & T. stock.

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Corner Front St. and Kingshighway

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What Europe seems to want is handouts across the sea.—Wall Street Journal.

Without fertile soil and good crops the livestock industry could not flourish, says the United States Department of Agriculture. Corn, clover, and alfalfa are of great importance in the production of our meat supply. Eighty-nine per cent of the corn crop is used in the production of livestock, whereas only 11 per cent goes for export, human food, and other purposes.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Whereas, J. C. Gathings and Lavinia Gathings, his wife, and S. L. Pake and Madge Pake, his wife, by their certain Deed of Trust and chattel mortgage dated the 23rd day of April, 1925 and recorded in the Recorder's office of Scott County, at chattel mortgage Book 54 pages 153, 154 and 155, conveyed to the undersigned Ray B. Lucas all their right, title, interest and estate, in and to the following described personal property and Real Estate situated in the County of Scott, State of Missouri, viz:

One Three Stand Continental Gin located on the north part of the east half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 28, township 27, north of range 15 east, together with the land upon which said Three Stand Continental Gin is located, more fully described as follows: Beginning at a point on the east and west bisecting line of section 28, 342 feet east of the northwest corner of the east half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of said section 28 in township 27 north of range 15 east in Scott County, Missouri, thence south 6 degrees, thence east to S. and W. right-of-way of Missouri Pacific Railway Company, thence northwesterly along said right-of-way to the east and west section line of said section 28, thence west to the point of beginning.

Which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of certain indebtedness in said deed of trust and chattel mortgage described and whereas said indebtedness has become due and is now unpaid, now therefore, in accordance with the provisions of said Deed of Trust and chattel mortgage, and at the request of the legal holder of said indebtedness I will proceed to sell the above described Real Estate and personal property at the east door of the court house in the Town of Benton, in the County of Scott State afore-said, to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction, on

Wednesday, the 2nd day of February, 1927
between the hours of nine in the forenoon and five in the afternoon of that day to satisfy said indebtedness, together with the cost and expense of executing this trust.
RAY B. LUCAS
Trustee
Dated this 10th day of January, 1927.

Approximately 50 per cent of the sustenance of the livestock of this country comes from pasture, 25 per cent from corn, and the rest from other harvested feeds. Legumes in the rotation help to maintain the fertility of the soil and result in high corn yields.

There is no reason for hard times now. The fellow who has contracted to pay more monthly installment than his salary will stand in for hard times. The fellow who has never learned the value of money and has spent everything he made as he made it is in for hard times. The banks which have speculated with other people's money are in for hard times. Many banks are suffering because they have extended too much credit trying to help clients get through. The farmer who bought land a few years ago at an inflated price and did not unload is in for hard times. And when all these things combine it takes a little while for readjustment. But there is nothing

which will stop this wonderful country of ours and nothing will subdue the courage and ability of our people. I am like Judge Gary. There is no real excuse for hard times and right now the people ought to feel mighty good about the situation.—William Southern, Jr., in his Jackson Examiner.



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Del Rey Hotel Building

KU KLUX KLAN MAKE NIGHT VISIT HERE

The Ku Klux Klan gave the first local manifestation of its power last Wednesday night, that has been evidenced in this community for several years.

About 8:30 of that evening, J. W. Buckles, who runs a filling station a quarter of a mile west of town on the Morehouse road, was aroused by a knocking upon his front door. He went to the door and was addressed by a man appearing man who told him that he would like to get some gasoline.

Mr. Buckles went outside to the gasoline pump with him and as it was locked, took out his keys and started fumbling with the lock. It took him some little time to get the pump unlocked and when he turned to the man beside him, he saw a figure, clothed and hooded in the full regalia of the Ku Klux Klan. And then in the large sedan standing in the road nearby he beheld a number of similarly garbed men. Mr. Buckles admits that his apprehensions were aroused and his feelings must have been apparent for the man standing at his side (apparently the spokesman of the delegation) said to him, "You needn't be alarmed, Mr. Buckles. We didn't come here to do you any harm. What we want to know is if there is a man named Claude Faulkner staying at your house?"

Mr. Buckles replied that there was, but that he was certain Mr. Faulkner and his wife had retired for the night.

The leader then said, "It's Claude Faulkner that we've come after. He abandoned his wife in Illinois and we want him to come back and straighten that little matter up."

He spoke at some length to Mr. Buckles, explaining the circumstance-

of the case, stating that after leaving his wife, Faulkner went to Arkansas, received a divorce and promptly remarried and that now they had come to see that he took care of certain matters in Illinois.

Mr. Buckles requested that they not enter his house and frighten his wife, who is in poor health and after some consultation, he band contented themselves with leaving a message for Faulkner with Buckles, to the effect that he had better come back and straighten things up. They then took their departure.

The next day, Buckles told Faulkner of the preceding night's visitation and the latter was visibly worried. He told Buckles that the reason he had left his wife was that it had been impossible for him to get along with her and that he had decided over all his property to her and gone to Arkansas. He told him further, that he was going back to Illinois and try to straighten matters up and this he did, Friday.

AMERICAN LEGION WILL GIVE DANCE JANUARY 18

The Henry Meldrum Post of the American Legion will give a dance in the Armory Hall, January 18. Music will be furnished by the Original Harmonists Dance Orchestra, who are making a tour over the United States. They are a well-known orchestra, broadcasted regularly from radio station WGY the past year.

MRS. ERSIE BILL BIRKLA

Funeral services for Mrs. Ersie Bill Birkla, who died of tuberculosis at Koch Hospital, St. Louis, Saturday, were held here Sunday afternoon at the Methodist Church, Rev. Ensor presiding. Burial took place in the Sikeston cemetery.

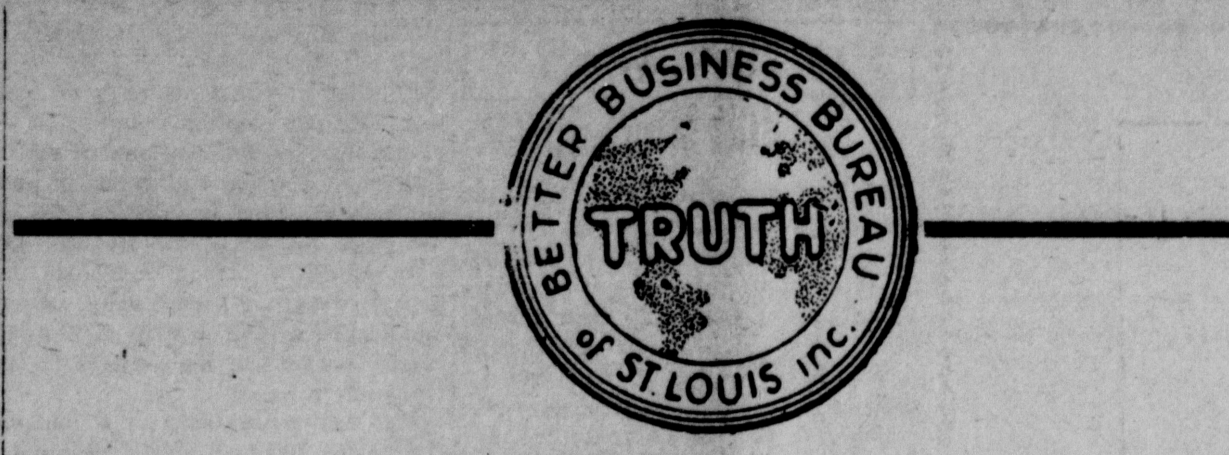
Mrs. Birkla was born in Sikeston October 14, 1904 and was 22 years, 3 months and 24 days of age. She is survived by her husband, Calvin Birkla of St. Louis, a daughter, Mary N. Birkla, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gentle of Sikeston; two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Griffin of St. Louis and Mrs. Lona Winchester of Canolou and a brother, Paul Gentle, of New Madrid.

Mrs. Robert Mow will entertain the Wednesday afternoon Bridge Club, Wednesday afternoon.

Monday morning opened clear and cold. The thermometer registered 20 above zero, but the wind blowing from the north felt like 20 below zero. However, we are glad it was no worse.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth, Mrs. F. E. Mount, Miss Lucille Mount and Mrs. Miley Limbaugh attended the installation services of the Bloomfield Masonic and Eastern Star Orders, Friday night. They report an unusually beautiful ceremony was conducted, following which the Masons served a banquet at Parkers.

By catching a 39-pound coon and marketing 53 muskrat pelts in one day, A. M. Dowell of near Molina, Audrain County, has set a new pace for Northeast Missouri hunters and trappers. Dowell marketed 21 coon pelts, including the one from the 39-pounder, recently, receiving \$210, or an average of \$10 per pelt. The 53 muskrats brought \$87.45.



Unordered Merchandise By Mail

One of the newest schemes encountered by the Better Business Bureau in recent months is the sending of unordered merchandise by mail.

Apparently, every day's mail brings ties, handkerchiefs, beads, etc., to hundreds of people—some purporting to come from persons in need of charity and others frankly coming from commercial institutions.

Inquiries at this office indicate that some persons believe that they either have to pay for the merchandise sent or go to the trouble of repacking it and sometimes paying the return postage.

One should not make use of such merchandise without payment, as such use might be construed as an acceptance of the offer. Simple receipt of the merchandise from the postman does not signify acceptance nor require you to pay for it.

It would be an interesting experiment if the majority of the people receiving unsolicited wares would merely lay them aside in a safe place and refuse to perform the labor involved in returning them.

The BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU of SAINT LOUIS, Inc.

MUSIC SHOP CARRYING WELL KNOWN LINES

The Music Shop, which was recently opened by Mrs. Ronald Buckles in the Beck Building on the corner of Front Street and Kingshighway, is carrying a well-known line of musical goods. Brunswick, Edison and Columbia records are being handled, Q. R. S. music rolls, sheet music, the monthly and weekly magazines and confections and tobacco.

NATIONAL GUARD ITEMS

Major Dudley, Captains Malone, Dye, Yount and Wheatley and Lieut. Shankle attended the Governor's Reception and Ball at Jefferson City last week-end.

The Armory mouse is of the opinion that he will select a packing box and start work on the construction of his winter and spring quarter in Mexico. As a tent at Camp Clark will be cold he desires contributions of soft rags to line the nest.

Orders giving the date of the Annual Armory Inspection for Company K in the third week in February have been received.

The payroll for the last quarter of 1926 is being checked and will be sent forward to the Corps Area Finance Officer this week. We have an idea that the next roll of this Company will be for a much larger amount and will be made out at a station other than Sikeston.

Instructions relative to the Annual Armory Inspection will be the order of battle for the next drill nights. Company K is out for a high rating, and what it takes to get such a rating, we believe we have. Check us up on this later.

Charles Robert Darwin, W. E. Gladstone, Alfred Tennyson and Abraham Lincoln were born in the same year, 1809.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Horning and daughter, Miss Imo, spent Friday and Saturday in Sikeston with friends. They live in Indiana.

A traveling man walked into a certain well known store here this week, and while waiting for the manager to be at leisure, fell into conversation with two of the women clerks. As is so often the case with the talk of salesmen, his remarks were of a somewhat flattering nature. "Neither of you are married, I suppose?" he asked.

"I am. Why. I've been married six years", one of the women informed him.

He surveyed her rather critically and then said: "I can hardly believe it. You sure don't look like you could have been married six long years."

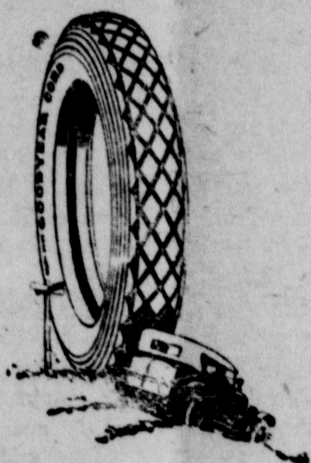
And the clerk, by this time a bit flustered and embarrassed, replied: "Well, maybe I don't, but you ought to see my husband. He's the one that shows it".

The home in Blytheville, Ark., of O. W. McCutchen, owner of the Malcom Theatre here, was destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon, according to word received here. The full extent of the loss or particulars concerning same, have not as yet been received. Am Pitman is back from a trip to Memphis and points south looking for an opening in cleaning and tailoring. Things are quiet down that way and friends of the Pitman family in Sikeston believe he could do just as well, or better, to open a cleaning and pressing business here at his home with his family to assist him.

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LOST—Child's enameled mesh bag. Contained small change and handkerchief. Return to The Standard for reward.

FIRST CREDITOR'S MEETING

In the District Court of the United States for the Southeastern Division of the Eastern Judicial District of Missouri.

In the matter of Mrs. Clara Compass, bankrupt.

In Bankruptcy No. 1013

To the Creditors of Mrs. Clara Compass, of Oran, Missouri and District aforesaid, Bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on January 8, 1927, said Mrs. C. Compass was adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of creditors will be held at the office of the undersigned Referee in Bankruptcy, Suite 1 and 2, Houck Building, 128 Main Street, in the City of Cape Girardeau, State of Missouri, on January 22nd, 1927, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time and place the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such business as may properly come before said meeting.

At said meeting the creditors will consider the advisability of the sale of all the assets, real estate and personal property of said estate at public or private sale, subject to approval or confirmation by the court.

H. E. ALEXANDER, Referee in Bankruptcy, Cape Girardeau, Mo., January 8, 1927

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HIGHWAY BANQUET TO BE FEBRUARY 9

The annual banquet for the employees of Division No. 10 of the Missouri State Highway Department, has been announced for February 9. The banquet will be held in the Community Building at Benton and will be served by the ladies of the Catholic church at that place. In addition to the 180 employees of the division who will be present, invitations have been extended to the members of the State Highway Commission, to former Chief Engineer P. H. Piepmeier, to Chief Engineer T. H. Cutler, and to several members of the State Department at Jefferson City.

Arrangements are being made to care for two hundred people.

The banquet will be preceded by a meeting in the afternoon of the employees of the division. This will be held in the Circuit Court room of the Court House and will be devoted to a discussion of the work of the highway and to addresses from the members of the Highway Commission.

The evening will be devoted solely to the banquet and to the special entertainment features that are being planned for that event.

A MERITED REBUKE

Dr. Walter J. Swingle, an official of the United States department of agriculture, has brought from China a great strawberry, which he says has marvelous beauty giving powers, reducing weight and clearing the complexion. It is known as yangmei in China, where it grows on a tree, is hardy, defies frost and bears beautiful flowers.

With all due respect to the presumably learned doctor, that is all hokum. The heathen Chinese has been kidding him. In the first place a fruit that grows on a tree is not a strawberry, no matter what it looks and tastes like. In the second place, there ain't no food that will give a person beauty.

We have known homely gals who have gorged on carrots, stood behind doors and swallowed chicken hearts whole and drunk the nauseous brew of esoteric herbs reported to assure pulchritude. But none of them have had their fare paid to Atlantic City to date. And despite all the exercises, diets, and drugs guaranteed to reduce weight, we have yet to see a hefty matron who by taking thought has subtracted one ounce from her avoirdupois.

The only certain methods for a girl to become better looking are two. She must either become poor and eat less heartily or become rich and wear better clothes. This truth may be bitter, but it is undeniable and Dr. Swingle has aroused hopes that are bound to be disappointed. His job as a representative of the department of agriculture has to do with fatter livestock and not with thinner women. He would do well to return to his proper tasks and not go fooling around with trick strawberries that grow on trees.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

Think how the King of Italy would be flattered if somebody should shoot at him.—Hartford Times.

The British golf championship is held by an American and the American tennis championship is held by a Parisian. The occasion seems to be ripe for an Hawaiian to grab the ski-jumping title.—Detroit News.

RADIO INVENTION REPLACES TUBES

Macon, Ga., January 6.—Dr. Palmer H. Craig, youthful head of the department of physics at Mercer University and inventor of a simple device that is to displace batteries and vacuum tubes in radio, is the most talked of man at the college today following announcement at chapel that he had been offered \$100,000 for his invention.

Dr. Craig, not yet 30, is in his first year as a member of the Mercer faculty. He is an inventive genius, as shown by the fact that he developed the invention upon which he immediately applied for a patent, for his thesis at the University of Cincinnati, when he received his degree of doctor of philosophy last June.

From a comparatively small annual salary to \$100,000 in one jump is tempting. Dr. Craig admitted today, but he said he had not decided just what to do with the offer from the Westinghouse Electric Company. It is understood that the company wants to buy all rights and his friends believe that he will accept the cash.

Now that the Prince of Wales has decided to abandon steeplechasing, his loving people may hope that he will not try to become an aviator.—Boston Transcript.

In a study of 48,000 yearly individual production records of dairy cows, a comparison was made of purebreds and grades of the same breed. The grades averaged 6999 pounds of milk a year per cow, whereas purebreds exceeded this amount by 668 pounds, or about nine and a half per cent. In production of butterfat, gross income per cow, and income over cost of feed, the purebreds excelled the grades by about ten per cent. It should be remembered also that the average production of the grades was so high largely because of the influence of their purebred ancestry.

SICK HEADACHE

No Pleasure, Says Ohio Lady, to Go Places, Till She Took Black-Draught Which Brought Relief.

Langsville, Ohio.—"For years and years I suffered with severe headache," says Mrs. Jane Campbell, of this place. "It wasn't any pleasure for me to go places, for I came home with sick headache. If I went to church or to any social gathering or to town to shop, when I got back I would have these headaches and have to go to bed for a day or more, till I would just get out of heart and would not try to go."

"About 15 years ago I discovered that Black-Draught was good for these headaches. I began using it. I would take it two or three nights in succession if I felt the least bad, and it sure did wonders for me. It is about 14 years since I had sick headaches, and I can go places and really enjoy life. It surely is splendid."

Headache often is a symptom of constipation. The best relief is secured by treating the cause of the trouble and in such a case many people have been greatly helped by the use of Theodor's Black-Draught.

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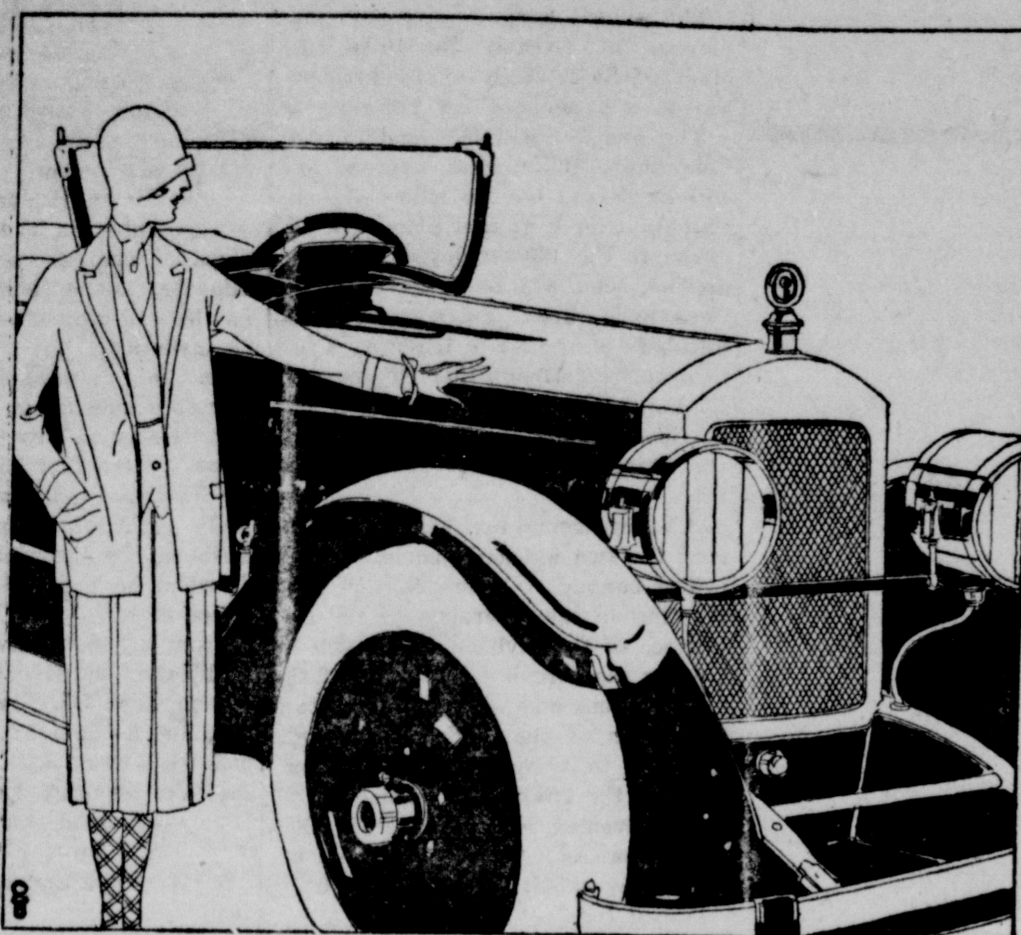
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Interest—Automobile interest, is now felt by every person in this community. Whether they own a car or not, the news of the great Auto Shows being held in the different cities have whetted their interest in Automobiles.

Advertising addressed to the people of this community, through the columns of this paper, will help to swing them toward your merchandise, be it accessory or cars, when they buy now or later.

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Twice-a-Week Skeston Standard

Some News---Some Views

IN MY WAY

By Warren T. Kingsbury

Most of us, when out upon the street, have something—important or not—weighing upon our mind. That is, those of us troubled with a mind. Some people seem to be in a perpetual state of blissful unconcern that never harbors worry and thus go gaily along, chipper as the sparrows, which like themselves seem to have as their special dispensation the protection of the Lord.

But, as we were saying, we are ordinarily so full of our own problems, avoidance of bill collectors and such, that we pass other people by with not even a thought. It never occurs to us that each person we pass, every loafer we see leaning against the walls, has some particular reason for being there and that if we were able to look into the workings of his mind and analyze the thoughts wandering about there, we would have a number of interesting stories.

Just an average afternoon, the common run of people on the streets, and yet, if one will but pause and study, things of interest to be seen. Two negro boys shambling along, hands in pockets, coats tattered and torn. A sign "Hot Lunch and Coffee" painted on the window of a barbecue stand, catches their eye and they stand looking wistfully in before moving slowly on with reluctant looks back over their shoulders. One doesn't need to be told that the pockets in which their hands dangle are empty of coins and that within their stomachs is a space equally void.

Just now, the height of luxury to these darkies would be a good square meal. Just to feel the front of their bellies pressing tightly out against their belts, would be their idea of paradise. And this thought calls to my mind the opinion that our idea of prosperity is largely dependent upon our immediate circumstances. For instance, to the negro, prosperity means three full meals a day. To the man without a job, just any kind of work that will provide him with a place to stay and the money to meet his immediate necessities. The man, working is never satisfied with his job, but wants something a little better that will enable him to buy the things he cannot afford now.

And the same is true of the salaried man. He wants a better salary, he wants a better position and he feels that if he had these he would be prosperous. Even the financier, the man whose wealth is almost beyond belief to the ordinary man, is not content when he reads, of the millions accumulated by Ford and Rockefeller. Had he their wealth, he would feel prosperous. And even they, with the wealth of a Midas, are not contented as we realize from fluctuations in the price of Fords and gasoline which take place as they struggle to control their respective markets.

A cotton wagon rattles briskly along, its load gone. One wonders how its driver feels about the price of cotton and what story is connected with the raising and harvesting of that crop?

A youth leaning idly against a wall, waiting for what? His eyes listlessly wander about the street and finally come to rest on the sidewalk before him. Two girls, the attractive age, pass by, and a flicker of interest leaps into his eyes as they unconsciously follow the two girls up the street.

An elderly man, a long, tightly buttoned oilcloth cloak close about him, limps along with steps scarcely a foot long. And as he goes, he slowly munches at a sandwich. Where did he come from? Where is he going? How did he become lame? Another story—untold!

A car starts up with a thunderous sound. They rattle and roar, but seem to keep going somehow.

A couple pass by, arm in arm. Surprising this, for they are not so young as they used to be and one is accustomed to seeing such reminders of courtship days vanish at the age which they have reached now.

He's built like a prize fighter. He may be one for all I know for I've never seen him before and he certainly has a swaggering air, a barrel-like chest, which he throws out in front of him, a bull neck and a protruding jaw. He might be one of the extras kept by the movies for the "rush ace". More likely he's in from the farm for a day.

A youngster on a Shetland pony, the center of a group of admiring friends who are for the most part mounted upon bicycles. How proud he seems of that pony, and why not?

A girl, walking along the street. Tagging along, a collie dog running ahead and barking, then back to nip gaily at the home of her skirt. He's a jolly companion, this collie. I envy her his affection.

So valuable was the Mexican cacao bean up to fifty years ago that the entire populace of Mexico used it as money. One bean passed for a cent.

THIS WEEK IN MO. HISTORY

"Father of the University of Missouri" is the glorious tribute paid to James Sidney Rollins, one of Missouri's most noted and versatile public men who died January 9, 1888, at his home in Columbia. He was, besides being a strong advocate of higher education, a statesman, roaster, and business man, but he is known chiefly because of his services to the University.

Mr. Rollins was born at Richmond, Ky., April 19, 1812, of a prominent pioneer family of Scotch-Irish and English ancestry. He received an excellent education by attending several colleges and universities, graduating from one of the latter the University of Indiana, with the highest class honors. He prepared himself for law, and began its practice at the age of twenty-two.

His father having moved to Boone county, Missouri, young Rollins followed and became associated with an able lawyer at Fayette. At the outbreak of the Black Hawk Indian War in 1832, he volunteered and served as a major on the staff of Major-General Richard Gentry.

He then devoted his time to his profession and the publication of a newspaper, the Patriot, at Columbia. He was early interested in public affairs, and as a consequence was elected, at the youthful age of twenty-four, a delegate to the first railroad convention held west of the Mississippi River. From this time on he almost continuously devoted his time to public affairs.

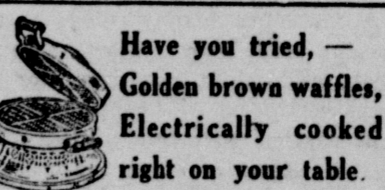
The services of Maj. Rollins to the cause of education, more particularly to the University of Missouri, undoubtedly stand out as his chief claim to fame and immortality. In 1839, while in the State Legislature, he helped to pass the bill establishing the University, and later aided in getting it located at Columbia. He participated in the laying of the corner stone of the main building, July 4, 1840. School work started in 1841. But his outstanding service to the institution, for which he officially received the title of "Father of the University of Missouri", was that given it in its hour of need—when without sufficient income to maintain itself. At this time, being a member of the legislature, he devoted himself to the relief of the school, and secured the passage that insured its permanent support. He also aided, as a patron of education, the establishment of the Normal Schools and Lincoln Institute for negroes.

Maj. Rollins received no little prominence as a statesman and politician. Doubtless he would have gone higher in this field had he not been affiliated with a minority party. He served three terms in the lower house and two in the upper house of the State Legislature, and two terms in Congress. He was considered one of the ablest members of these bodies. He was a Whig leader in the state, and was twice its nominee for governor. But since the Whigs were in the minority, he was defeated both times. However, many of his supporters believed his last defeat was due to fraud. Maj. Rollins, at the outbreak of the Civil War, threw himself on the side of the Union even though he himself was an owner of slaves. While a member of Congress he was always back of the larger, more worthwhile measures.

Maj. Rollins was an able orator. His oratory has been described as being like that of Clay's—"made up of plausible reasoning, sober discussion of important questions, and seasoned with personalities and anecdotes". He was, indeed, a speaker with a personality.

Maj. Rollins died at his home in Columbia, January 9, 1888, and was buried in the Columbia cemetery. His death was mourned throughout the whole state.

He was tall and commanding and well proportioned. His facial features were boldly and clearly cut. His noble manner and gracious address bespoke a gentleman of education and culture. Altogether, his presence was a striking one, and was noted in any assemblage, social or political, as distinguished and conspicuous.



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FRENCH FIND BRITAIN OWES FEW BILLIONS

Paris, January 3.—Following closely upon another friendly but quite firm reminder from Britain that she would like to have France begin payment on her debt, a little group of earnest Frenchmen have delved into the dusty records of history and discovered what they claim to be an unpaid English bill to France, which, with interest computed, amounts to several billions of francs.

This "little note", as the French call it, goes back, it seems, to 1803, when Napoleon I warred with England and interned a thousand or more Englishmen who had residence in France at that time. Seven hundred of these were sent to Verdun, where, it would appear, they lived "upon the fat of the land", and not at all like detailed enemies should.

According to Robt. Parisot, Stephanie Lausanne and others who have investigated the matter, the Englishmen and their families did not permit lack of ready cash to influence their style of living, for, by successful and repeated borrowing from every one in Verdun, including bankers and shop keepers, they succeeded in enjoying the finest wines and the fattest chickens, until finally, when they were repatriated in 1814, they owed 4,000,000 gold francs.

In the confusion of Napoleon's abdication interned had been suddenly ordered to the South of France and soon afterward returned to England without regulating their accounts.

For twenty-five years, so the investigators have learned, many efforts were made to collect, but finally hope was given up and presumably the debt was charged off to profit and loss.

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CORN BORER ROUSES ILLINOIS FARMERS

Chicago, Ill., January 6.—Agricultural experts of Illinois aroused by the discovery in Kankakee County, Ind., of a single specimen of the European corn borer hastened plans today for instructing the farmers how to defeat the pests.

The State Corn Borer Control Committee was called by George A. Fox, secretary of the Illinois Agricultural Association, to meet in Chicago, January 14, to plan precautions and the association sent word to county farm advisers, to inform their farmers and to caution them to make careful checks of their fields.

Control of the borer will be the principal work of the farm organizations and farmers. The association said the borer could be controlled if farmers cleaned up their fields, burning all stubble or turning it under.

Five inspectors of the State Department of agriculture will be sent into Ohio for quick inspection of infested fields and then will be sent through the Kankakee County area.

W. P. Flint, state entomologist is in Washington to attend conferences on corn borer relief, for which the Funnell bill would appropriate \$10,000,000.

The borer, an inch-long brown worm, tunnels through corn stalks and ears of corn, causing entire fields to collapse.

Reindeer hair, shed in spring by the animals, is gathered and sold by the Eskimos for stuffing for life preservers.

The Hannibal Chamber of Commerce, through its Board of Directors, Thursday went on record in favor of a new state road bond issue of \$100,000,000. A resolution was adopted requesting the Highway Commission to take steps "to give the people of Missouri an opportunity at the earliest possible date to express themselves on this matter in order that Missouri may be pulled entirely out of the mud.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Lena Galeener to George Galeener 1.156 acres Sikeston, \$6000.

Security Savings Bank of Chaffee to T. M. Wiggs, lots 21 block 26 Chaffee, \$140.

J. F. Misfeldt to Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., 360 acres 16-27-15, \$5000.

B. F. Anderson to Ella Old, lots 37, 38, Commerce, \$150.

George Chappell to Ike Kugman, lots 23, 24 blk 9 Lightner addition Illmo, \$10.

David Shroyer to Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., land 33-28-14, \$6500. Chaffee Lbr. Co. to F. M. Martin, lots 16, 17 blk. 25 Chaffee, \$1.

Lelia Henson to Ray Taylor, lot 1, outblock 51 Sikeston, \$1.

George Norman to Ray Taylor, lot 1, outblock 22, part outblk. 51 Sikeston, \$500.

Frederick Wittmore to Katy Owens 2 acres 8-29-13, \$1.

Bank of Maplewood to J. H. Spurling, 77.406 acres 18-27-13, \$5000.

Marshall More to Norman Strus, 119.66 acres Survey 1841, \$1400.

Walter Biggs to E. R. Tisdell, lot 4 outblock 2 Blodgett, \$12.

Norvell Guethle et al to A. L. Guethle, lots 3, 4, blk. 9, haffee, \$650.

Arthur Garrison to Leo Schott, lot 7 block 3 Bice 1st addition Perkins, \$20.

Leo C. Essner to Joseph Buhs, 80.42 acres 7-28-14, \$1.

Laura Allison to Mary Presnell, lot 5 blk. 4 McCoy-Tanner 1st addition Sikeston, \$1.

M. Q. Tanner to Effie Patterson, lot 16 blk. 2 High School addition Sikeston, \$250.

John Smith to Charles Schultz, lots 19, 20 Block 12 Chaffee, \$1200.—Benton Democrat.

In June, 1875, an accident to one of the experimental 'harmonic telegraph' instruments causing a vibration to be reproduced on a similar instrument in the next room gave Alexander Graham Bell the idea for the telephone.

RIISING RIVER CAUSES SOME CONCERN AT CARUTHERSVILLE

Caruthersville, January 7.—Considerable concern is felt here and in the adjoining territory because of the steady rise expected in the Mississippi River during the next few days. Apprehension has been expressed as to conditions at Gayso Bend, a few miles above here, which point has given concern because of the constant eating out of the bank for the past several years.

A great deal of time and money has been spent there in recent years in an effort as yet not entirely successful to stop the erosion of the bank where the river makes a sharp turn. Revetment work has failed to hold and the Levee Board has been forced to move its loops further inland two or three times in comparatively recent years.

It was planned to construct a new loop at Gayoso last spring, but the work which it was thought would be sufficient and because of the double expenditure thus involved. High water has prevented the completion of this revetment.

A New Jersey schoolgirl found a dime coined in 1783. The coin is worth about \$300.

In the Ozarks a 'blowing' cave, in which the temperature stays around 40 degree Fahrenheit, is used by the fruit growers of the vicinity as a mammoth storage plant.

The soybean acreage on this country increased from less than 500,000 acres in 1917 to about 2,200,000 acres in 1923, says the United States Department of Agriculture. The product of 1,000,000 acres was used for hay, that 700,000 acres for pasture and ensilage, and 500,000 acres was used for seed. This increase in acreage is largely due to the development of better-adapted varieties. The total value of the soybean crop in 1924, the last year for which data are available, was \$18,360,000, and of this value the new varieties were responsible for a little more than half.

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MILLING COMPANY ASK RATE SUSPENSION

The Scott County Milling Company, in a petition to the Interstate Commerce Commission dated January 3, is asking a suspension of the increased freight rates between points in Southeast Missouri and points to the south which are to become effective February 1.

The rates, the milling company declares are discriminatory and would unduly increase the burden which the farmers of Southeast Missouri are asked to bear. The following schedule shows a comparison between present and proposed rates:

The present rates from Sikeston, Dexter, Charleston and Poplar Bluff to New Orleans are: On wheat, 33c; corn, 29½c; to Vicksburg: wheat, 30c; corn, 27c; to Natchez: wheat, 31½c; corn, 28½c.

The proposed rates from these same points in Southeast Missouri to New Orleans are: Corn, 38c; wheat, 39c; to Vicksburg: wheat, 36c; corn, 46c; Natchez: wheat, 37½c; corn, 36½c.

The Scott County Milling Company is asking that these rates be suspended at least until the Interstate Chamber of Commerce have an opportunity to investigate them and that the Scott County Co., be privileged to appear at the hearing if held.

The petition presented outlines in detail the rates, showing why an increase would be unfair to agricultural and business interests of this section.

PIGGEE, PIGGEE, PIGGEE. WHO KILLED THE PIGGEE?

Piggie, piggie, piggie! went the call with all the tender tonal inflections known to the Southeast Missouri hog callers. But no piggie answered. Then Raymond Bloomfield started a search for his pig. The pig as really a full grown hog and he had contracted for its sale along with several other hogs, that morning in town. His search was rewarded by finding the hog, or rather its remains over in a corner of his farm. Someone had killed the hog, skinned it and taken the hindquarters, leaving the rest of the meat, newly killed, lying upon a newspaper. This particular practice has victimized, not only Bloomfield, who is farming two and a half miles south of town, but several of his neighbors as well the past few weeks. Bloomfield was able to track the criminal for a short distance, but lost the tracks and was unable to run him down.

CASE CONTINUED BECAUSE ATTORNEY IS LEGISLATOR

Springfield, January 6.—For what is said to be the first time in many years in the Ozarks, a member of the State Legislature has exercised his right on that account to obtain a continuance in a criminal case. O. J. Page, Representative from the First Greene County District, obtained in this manner a continuance in the case against Edis Tinsley, charged in the Lawrence County Circuit Court at Mount Vernon with robbery of the Chaffin Cafe at Republic, some months ago.

The case is to be called at the January term, having been sent from the Greene County Criminal Court on a change of venue. Page requested Prosecuting Attorney W. W. Hamlin, formerly State Senator from the Twentieth District, to agree to continuance, and Hamlin refused. Page then filed a motion for a continuance on the statutory grounds that he is a member of the Legislature and consequently entitled to a continuance in any case in which he is an attorney. This automatically will obtain the desired continuance when the case is called by Judge Charles L. Henson.

Dr. C. W. Limbaugh served as the official in a baseball game Friday night between Dexter and Grey Ridge. He was accompanied by Mrs. Limbaugh and Mrs. Arthur Sensenbaugh.

The friends of Miss Lydia A. Kies will be interested to learn that she has just recovered from a serious operation performed at a hospital near Bombay, a thousand miles from her mission station. Her family here received a letter a few days ago, stating she had recovered sufficiently that she expected to leave the hospital the following day for her mission station at Baitalpur. About May she and some other missionaries will leave for America on their furlough and will come via Europe, expecting to visit the Holy Land on their way.—Jackson Post.

RAILROAD AGENT CATCHES MAN HERE

A six months search came to an end here Friday night, when Frisco Special Agent Hogsett, assisted by Chief of Police Kendall and Officer Daniels, arrested and took into custody, J. C. Johnson, wanted in Caruthersville and Hayti for breaking into railroad property.

Hogsett had been trailing Johnson since August 5, 1926, and had followed him to St. Louis; from there to Detroit, back to Cape Girardeau and then to Sikeston. Friday morning, Hogsett came to Sikeston and enlisted the aid of the local police. After a quiet investigation, it was determined that Johnson was in town and that he had been seen to frequent a certain house located on East Lake Street. It was decided that the best chance of finding him there would be to wait until about six o'clock in the hope of catching him while he was eating. The officers, waited until about six o'clock, dropped in and found Johnson, making their arrest.

Hogsett left with his charge Friday morning and was quite outspoken in his praise of Kendall and Daniels for their clever work in assisting him to make the arrest.

Johnson is eighteen years of age and formerly lived in Sikeston. The warrant under which he was arrested covered a felony charge.

MASONS AND EASTERN STARS INSTALL OFFICERS

Members of Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star met Thursday night in a joint meeting for the purpose of installing officers for the coming year. The members of the Eastern Star were the guests of the Masons and following the installation ceremonies, a delightful social hour was spent, refreshments being served. There were 200 Masons and members of the Star present.

The out-going officers of the Eastern Star were: Worthy Matron, Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth; Worthy Patron, W. E. Hollingsworth; Associate Matron, Mrs. Birdie Felker; Sentinel, Mrs. Lucy Humphreys; Treasurer, Miss Lillian Putnam; Conductress, Mrs. Eunice Forrester; Associate Conductress, Mrs. Melvin Limbaugh; Chaplain, Mrs. Nellie Mount; Marshal, Mrs. Clara Pate; Organist, Mrs. Margaret Burns. Star Points: Ada, Mrs. Bertha Lawrence; Ruth, Mrs. Eva Mow; Esther, Miss Jessie Bowling; Martha, Mrs. Lottie Martin; Electa, Miss Evelyn Sutton; Warden, Miss Nellie Hayden; Sentinel, J. W. Roberts.

The in-coming officers, who had as their installing officer, Mrs. Candice Green of Bloomfield, Past District Deputy Grand for the 50th District are: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Melvin Limbaugh; Worthy Patron, W. E. Hollingsworth; Associate Matron, Mrs. Nellie Mount; Treasurer, Miss Lillian Putnam; Secretary, Mrs. Lucy Humphrey; Chaplain, Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth; Marshal, Mrs. Clara Pate; Organist, Mrs. Hazel Young; Star Points: Mrs. Eva Mow, Ada; Mrs. Lola Dempster, Ruth; Miss Jessie Bowling, Esther; Mrs. Grace Malone, Martha; Miss Electa O'Hara, Electa; Warden, Mrs. Sadie Cunningham; Sentinel, Miss Fanny Becker.

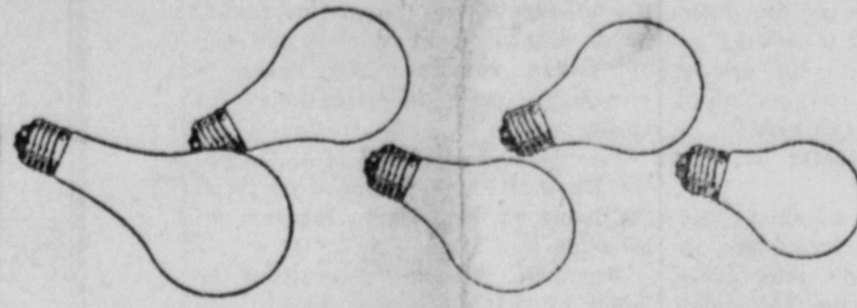
At the installation of the new Masonic officers, Dr. G. A. Sample, District Lecturer, of Chaffee, and Dr. G. W. Walker of Cape Girardeau, a member of the Grand Lodge, presided. The new officers were: Worshipful Master, A. C. Barrett; Senior Warden, T. C. Dye; Junior Warden, F. M. Mount; Treasurer, R. F. Anderson; Secretary, Lonnie Harrison; Senior Deacon, H. E. Dudley; Junior Deacon, Jean Hirschberg; Senior Steward, J. A. Moccabee; Junior Steward, Boyd Skillion; Marshal, J. S. Kevil; Chaplain, I. G. Lewis; Tyler, A. C. Johnson.

Out-going officers were: Worshipful Master, J. H. Hayden; Senior Warden, T. C. Dye; Junior Warden, Rufus Reed; Treasurer, R. F. Anderson; Secretary, Lonnie Harrison; Senior Deacon, H. E. Dudley; Junior Deacon, Jean Hirschberg; Senior Steward, Wade Shankle; Marshal, F. E. Mount; Chaplain, A. B. Dill; Tyler, A. C. Johnson.

The Eastern Stars will have their first meeting of the new year, Thursday night. The first meeting of the Masons will be the following Thursday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in the parlors of the Methodist church. A special program has been arranged and all members and friends of the organization are invited to attend.

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HIGH SCHOOL WINS DOUBLE HEADER

Sikeston High started the New Year right by putting a double header with Charleston in the win column of the score book. It was the first victory of the season for the boys, they having lost a pre-Christmas game to Morehouse, while the girls were winning. The scores Sikeston girls, 21; Charleston girls, 16; Sikeston boys, 23; Charleston boys, 16. Reed of Cape Girardeau was the official.

The Sikeston girls showed much advancement over their play in the opening game, their teamwork being of a faster, more even grade. They jumped into the lead at the start and though hard pressed at times, especially in the first half, managed to be out in front to finish with a seven-point margin. Score at half time was Sikeston 13; Charleston 9.

Line-up and summary:

| Sikeston | Points | Fouls |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|
| Mount, f | 14 | 2 |
| Baker, f | 7 | 2 |
| Littleton, center | 7 | 2 |
| Mathis, c | 3 | 3 |
| Bratton, g | 2 | 2 |
| M. Baker, g | 2 | 2 |
| Harris, g | 1 | 1 |
| Charleston | Points | Fouls |
| Boyd, f | 3 | 3 |
| Ford, f | 7 | 7 |
| Avey, center | 1 | 1 |
| Grey, center | 2 | 2 |
| Bynum, guard | 1 | 1 |
| Howlett, guard | 3 | 3 |
| Brayfield, guard | 1 | 1 |
| Ford, forward and guard | 6 | 6 |

The Sikeston boys, although still showing teamwork that at times was decidedly ragged, showed an aptitude for hitting the basket early in the game that kept them in the lead although until the very last, Charleston threatened to break loose and run wild. Williams, with ten points, was the leading scorer, while Burris from his position at running guard sunk three long beauties.

The line-ups:

| Sikeston | Points | Fouls |
|-------------------|--------|-------|
| Wisener, forward | 2 | 2 |
| Weekly, forward | 1 | 1 |
| Killgore, forward | 3 | 3 |
| Williams, center | 10 | 10 |
| Burris, guard | 7 | 2 |
| Mount, guard | 1 | 1 |
| Charleston | Points | Fouls |
| Barton, forward | 9 | 2 |
| Noland, forward | 2 | 2 |
| Brown, forward | 1 | 2 |
| Childers, center | 1 | 1 |
| Ogilvie, guard | 4 | 2 |
| Lee, guard | 2 | 2 |

TEN ROOM HOME BURNS FRIDAY A. M.

The ten-room frame house belonging to Mrs. Alice Edmonston, located on the corner of South Kingshighway and Kathleen Avenue, was completely destroyed by fire early Friday morning.

The house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Johnson and their four children, who narrowly escaped with their lives from the blazing structure. The family was asleep in the second story of the house, when the youngest child, Floyd Allen, awakened and called to his mother for a drink. She arose and pressed on the light switch, but the lights failed to go on. Then she went ahead and secured the water for the child and started to return to bed. She thought that she smelled smoke and thinking that possibly one of the children might have left a coat against the stove thus starting a fire, she awoke the rest of the family and ordered them to get down stairs. By this time the room had filled with smoke and the flames had created such an intense heat that the Johnsons were able only to throw about them them the first covering handy and rush from the building. Just as they left the house, the roof fell in and the flames broke out all over the entire second story.

The Johnsons went across the street to the residence of Dr. A. A. Mayfield from where they called the fire department. By the time the firemen arrived, the flames had taken possession of the entire structure and all the firemen were able to do was to fight back the flames from the outbuildings in the rear. Practically none of their personal effects were saved from the house. Mrs. Johnson carried a small amount of insurance upon their household furnishings. Mrs. Edmonston reports that the house is partially covered by insurance. For the present, the Johnsons will reside with Mr. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johnson.

The fire presumably started in the garret of the house from either faulty wiring or a defective flue. The entire frame-work was destroyed, the only part of the house left standing being the two tall chimneys.

FIRE ON RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY BURNS TELEPHONE POLES

The fire department was called out just after noon Friday to the railroad right-of-way south of the Frisco station.

A fire, thought possibly to have originated from a spark dropped by a passing train, caught the grass and ignited a pile of pitch-dipped telephone poles belonging to the telephone company. These poles created a hot blaze which sent up a cloud of smoke that could be seen all over town. About thirty-five poles were destroyed in the blaze.

ANIMALS BETTER TREATED ON THE WAY TO MARKET

A decided decrease in violations of the 28-hour law, which prohibits the confinement of animals in cars longer than 28 hours without feed, water and rest, is announced by the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture.

There were but 227 cases of alleged violations during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1926, compared with 462 cases during the preceding year and nearly 700 cases in 1924.

The decrease shows increasing compliance with the transportation and quarantine regulations and an evident desire of transportation companies and their employees to improve the conditions under which domestic animals are handled in interstate commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard spent Saturday night and Sunday in Cape Girardeau, with relatives.

We hear a great many people saying that they do not receive adequate pay for their services. Among this number are most members of the county courts of the several counties of this state, who receive only \$5 per day for each day the Court is actually in session. Some members of county courts are in about the position of the old Indian preacher. Several years ago the Federal Government hired an Indian to preach to the Red-Skins on a western reservation. A cowboy ask the Divine how much pay he received by sky piloting. The preacher replied that he received \$100 per year. To this the cowboy replied, "dam poor pay", to which the preacher rejoined, "dam poor preach".—Caruthersville Democrat.

BRIDGE COST FIXED BY CHICAGO ENGINEER

Cairo, Ill., January 7.—The cash cost of the Mississippi River bridge at Cairo will be about \$2,250,000, according to the figures of Engineer Dr. J. A. L. Waddell, and the whole project can be financed on a basis of \$3,000,000 was the information bro't back to Cairo today by Ronald Kingsley, secretary of the Cairo Association of Commerce, upon his return from a three days' conference in Chicago with Harry Bovay, promoter, and the bankers who will back the project.

The plan for financing the building of the bridge was worked out at the conference in Chicago and will be presented to the Cairo people within ten days. Under the plan as now contemplated, there will be a bond issue of \$2,000,000, a preferred stock issue of \$500,000, and debentures to the amount of \$500,000. There will also be a common stock issue of no par value, and with each share of preferred stock will be given as a bonus a share of the common stock. The preferred stock will bear 7 per cent interest.

Warren Kingsburg refereed a double-header basketball game between East Prairie and Vanduser, Friday night.

By a vote nearly five to one, citizens of the Bloomfield school district approved a bond issue for \$80,000 to be used in construction of a new high school building and rebuilding the present high school to be used as a ward school.

While driving to Sikeston Monday we noticed in a number of fields cotton picking in progress and met wagons loaded with cotton. It is late in the season for this kind of harvest, but in the fall many fields were left unfinished because the prices did not pay for picking, but now there is practically no work on the farms in that country and every dollar obtained from the cotton fields is the same as a dollar found.—Jackson Post.

HARD ROAD FRIENDS TO HEAD COMMITTEES

Jefferson City, January 6.—Safety for the State highway building program and the preservation to the State highway fund of the gasoline tax is virtually assured through the announced decision of Senator Cave, president pro tem of the Senate, and Speaker Winter of the House to appoint legislative road committees of known friendliness to good roads.

It is not the expectation that either will consider the question of whether road building shall be continued by the bond issue plan or the pay-as-you-go plan after the present bond issue funds are exhausted, but that question will be considered an open matter until after hearings are held.

It is probable that Representative Duensing of Lafayette County will be reappointed chairman of the House Committee on Roads, but there has been no intimation from Senator Cave as to whether he intends to reappoint Senator McCawley of Carthage to head the similar committee in the Senate. Two years ago these two chairmen, with the co-operation of the members of their committees, squelched all proposed legislation that sought to disrupt the road program.

Senator Cave today said he was in thorough accord with the building of highways of high type and that he would give every consideration to the selection of a committee in harmony with his views.

There have been reports that Senator Painter of Carrollton would like to head the Highway Committee, and the chairmanship probably rests between him and Senator McCawley. It virtually is certain that one of them will be selected and that the other will head the Ways and Means Committee.

Misses Hyacinth Sheppard and Doris Gilbert spent Saturday night and Sunday in Jackson, the guests of Miss Vanita Gockel.

EAST PRAIRIE LIONS FINANCE DAIRY CATTLE MOVEMENT

East Prairie, January 6.—The Lions Club has voted to advance money to finance the importation of a carload of good grade dairy cattle because of the establishment of a cream station by Sugar Creek Creamery. These cattle are to be placed on 25 farms about East Prairie. Others will be imported later.

At the meeting of the club Harry S. Roberts, president of the club, introduced C. C. Herne, district county agent leader, who made a talk and P. H. Teal, county agent, who explained some of the problems of dairying.

On January 13 a general meeting has been arranged to complete the business at which M. J. Raegan, dairy specialist of the University of Missouri, will speak, and agricultural agents of the Missouri Pacific and Cotton Belt Railroads will assist. C. S. Love of the Sugar Creek Company will be here at that time to establish the cream station.

The cows are to be jersey and guernseys and will be bought nearby, probably in Cape Girardeau County. This is part of a movement to get away from so much cotton in the region, and also rescue the fast deteriorating sand lands of the section.

Miss Lela McGill of Bertrand visited with friends in this city, Saturday.

It is astonishing how some farmers and small fry in small towns are all wrong about the times. We have just been reading column after column in the larger newspapers and magazines about how prosperous we were in 1926, and how greatly our prosperity is to increase in 1927. We do not know as much about 1927 as we know about the past year, so will live in hope, but these swivel chair warmers who are handing out this dope about the past year, especially to the farmers, could as effectively tell a man with cramp colic that he was feeling fine.—Jackson Cash Book.

BIPARTISAN BILL FOR FARM RELIEF NOW UP

Washington, January 6.—A bipartisan farm relief bill, sponsored by Senator Curtis of Kansas, the Republican floor leader, and Representative Crisp, Democrat, of Georgia, was presented to Congress today in an effort to break the long deadlock on agricultural legislation.

It was presented in the Senate and House coincident with the resumption of consideration of farm legislation by the House Agricultural Committee, which voted to sidetrack discussion of the McNary-Haugen bill until next Tuesday and to take up in the meantime the Aswell bill, a measure which omits the provision for an equalization fee on agricultural products with which to handle the surplus crop problem.

Both Senator Curtis and Representative Crisp described their measure as designed to meet objections raised against pending proposals. It would provide for a Federal Farm Board and an appropriation of \$250,000,000. The duty of the board would be to insure "reasonable profit over cost of production" on farm commodities by declaring an emergency for any crop, when one existed, and permitting co-operatives to buy up the surplus and hold it.

A. C. JOHNSON HAS SPLENDID RECORD OF MASONIC SERVICE

A. C. Johnson, Tyler of the Sikeston Masonic Lodge, has with the year just past, completed an unusual record of service. He has occupied the position of Tyler in the local lodge for the past eighteen years and during that time has an almost perfect record of attendance, having missed only six meetings. In the performance of his duties, he has been unusually faithful and the local lodge considers itself very fortunate indeed to have him as a member.

Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth had as her guest Thursday, Mrs. Candice Green of Bloomfield.

SKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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CASH OR CREDIT

Nearly a thousand years ago, Omar Khayyam, poet, scientist, and philosopher, sang, "Ah! take the cash and let the credit go". Today it doesn't take a very close study of local conditions to arrive at the conclusion that Omar knew his human nature and that what was true in that dim, remote age, is equally applicable today. Those merchants who are finding themselves hard-pressed, find that their big trouble is too much credit on the books and too little cash in the register. They have had no trouble in selling on credit. "Buy now, pay later" is an attractive sales slogan that has made many sales. But, "Now pay for what you bought" is a slogan which doesn't collect in an equally efficient manner. And as a result, the merchant finds himself in an embarrassed position.

The trouble not alone with the majority of people in Skeston, but throughout the entire United States is that they are attempting to live from one month to a year ahead of their income. They do practically all of their buying on credit and, consequently, are always behind their salary. Most of them doubtless buy in good faith, planning to pay at the accustomed time, but, sickness, accidents and the uncertainties of life frequently make such payment impossible and they fall behind, and find it impossible to catch up. And the merchant who sells on credit must carry the load. With the ease of obtaining credit today, it becomes a temptation to many who have no scruples about such matters, to take advantage of their credit to the limit with one merchant and then shifting to another to pursue the same tactics.

And when they cannot obtain credit, they buy at one of the cash stores.

So again the credit merchants hold the sack. With the payrolls that are distributed in Skeston, weekly and monthly, there is really no need for credit to be extended by the merchants. The extent of the weekly or monthly salary is the extent of the person's ability to pay and the advancement of large credit over and above the limit of that salary, is a very dangerous proceeding as in a great many cases, the creditor is never able to fully overtake his obligations. Local merchants will find that the elimination of their credit business will eliminate most of their problems. It may cut down the volume of their business, but at the same time it will cut out losses from bad credit which will more than offset loss in volume. If the credit system is to continue, the merchants should at least protect themselves by the establishment of a Retail Merchants' Association with a Credit Bureau to determine the reliability of any person seeking credit and to keep record of his fulfillment of obligations. But until such a step is taken, merchants will find as did Omar, that it's far better "To take the cash and let the credit go".

A radio has been placed in the editor's home, we suppose to give us the benefit of the sermons, the songs and the prayers that have been turned loose on us. This Sunday night a particular flood of feeling prayers came our way, with beautiful choir singing, that made us feel that we were closer to God. While sitting in the quiet of the evening by the fire, we were a fit subject to have the services take hold of us and turn our thoughts back to when we were a regular attendant at church services. This is a confession to the public that we still have somewhere in our body a something that song and prayer can touch.

Response to the subscription statements mailed have been surprisingly good for which we are thankful. February 1 a new arrangement of our list will be made and many dropped, especially on the single list.

The Chaffee Signal in writing of 1926 events prints the following contemptible and willful lie: "Skeston and Cape Girardeau newspapers joined in an effort to keep good roads away from Chaffee. We might add that we still have no good roads, but we're still trying!"

NEWTON TO LEAVE
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Frank B. Newton, chief highway engineer for Division No. 10, has tendered his resignation to the highway commission and will leave the service department March 1. Although he has made no definite statement of the nature of the position he has resigned to accept, it is understood to be in one of the Western States.

Newton, at the insistence of the Commission, consented to remain with the department until March 1, in order to close up his work and aid his successor. Just whom the new engineer is to be, has not been made public.

Mr. Newton, in a public statement, said that he had been considering resigning for some time as the duties of his office have been of a very exacting nature, taking the greater part of his time, both day and night, and Sundays, and forcing him to be away from home a greater part of the time.

During his service as chief engineer of this division, since the inauguration of Missouri's road building program, Mr. Newton has supervised the expenditure of \$14,215,783 in the building of concrete, gravel and graded earth roads in this district. In this period, 474 miles of gravel road, 127 miles of combined concrete and gravel roads have been constructed while at the present time there are under construction 60 miles of road of various types.

Mr. Newton, prior to his connection with the highway department, was a mining engineer at Carthage. He was assigned to this district because of his experience, it being considered that the problems to be met in this section would be the greatest in the state.

Matters are well under way to liquidate the affairs of the Southeast Missouri District Fair and pay every cent that is owing. The amount of the indebtedness is not so much as the grounds will bring but the lack of ready money in the treasury to pay the indebtedness and carry on is the reason for the liquidation. It is believed all bills will be paid by the middle of February.

An unusual occurrence is reported to have taken place at the Bank of Lilbourn this past week. Someone, the receiver and teller, who made out the deposit slip have forgotten who, came into the bank and deposited in the name of another party, a large package of bills, most of which had their edges seared by fire. Why such an unusual deposit didn't attract their attention to the depositor is unknown, but others, when told of the occurrence immediately thought of the recent Morehouse bank robbery and the currency taken from the safe which must have been scorched by the heat of the torch. Several other banks have been robbed in Southeast Missouri since that time and it is altogether likely that Skeston may have a visitation from these robbers before they are brought to Justice. A suggestion dropped for the benefit of banks expecting to entertain robbers is that they take the precaution, when opening for business in the morning, of throwing closed the bolts on their vaults and fixing them with the combination. In that manner, robbers will be prevented from locking employees in the vault, while they make their get-away.

The public should take with a grain of salt the so-called bickering between Governor Baker and the legislative branches of the State. The Governor has a right to consult with his appointees from time to time as to policies, and especially at this time when the Legislature is in session. His Administration will stand on its own merits in after years and small politics in the Senate and House will speak for itself. The Standard does not believe politics should enter the State Highway Department and we feel pretty certain there is no desire from the Governor to kick up politics at this time.

The Standard never again will lambast a negro crap game when other games are played day and night right along. The negro has got to have diversion and craps to him is just as good as golf and bridge to others.

Another proposition has been received by the publisher to set a price on The Standard. The first thing this man knows he is going to own a newspaper and the editor is going to have some miney.

There is one thing that The Standard is not guilty of and that is running a "Society" column!

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Welsh returned Friday from a several days' visit in St. Louis with the latter's sister, Mrs. E. C. Flint. On their return trip they stopped in Festus for a day's visit with Mr. Welsh's sister, Mrs. H. B. Drake.

CORRESPONDENCE
FROM MOREHOUSE

Supt. D. L. Fisher and Harry Dillon went to Medco Sunday. Some important machinery recently bought from the Medco owners is missing. An effort is being made to find it.

The Morehouse basketball team won a double header over Delta last Friday at the local gym with long scores in both games. Maggie Porter redeemed herself in the girls' game coming from behind to make most of the tallies. Next Friday will see a pair of hard games with Piggott, Ark., at the local gym.

Dr. C. H. Pease is receiving metropolitan attention through a number of the leading papers in regard to his discoveries of Mounds and other Indian remains. Dr. Pease is planning new investigations for spring.

Mrs. D. L. Fisher and Mrs. Josephine Hart attended a dinner party at the home of Mrs. Earl Johnson of Skeston last week.

Mrs. I. H. Dunaway entertained the ladies of the Missionary Society and church at a thimble party, Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Paul H. Teal, who is moving to Charleston.

P. H. Teal will hold a big sale on Tuesday, January 18, at his farm one-half mile west of Morehouse.

Wm. Lowe is confined to his bed with pneumonia.

F. G. Zillmer and his partner, C. B. Watson of Skeston, are opening a grocery store in Morehouse, the room formerly occupied by the Peoples Bank.

Ed Griffin, Ernest Crumpecker and Ola Avery went to Marston Thursday to view the results of the bank robbery at that place. They say it was as much like our bank robbery as two peas.

WELL KNOWN COMMERCE
WOMAN DIES SUNDAY

Mrs. Jennie Crowder of Commerce, who was one of Southeast Missouri's best known women, died at her home in Commerce Sunday afternoon following an apoplectic stroke. She was found unconscious in the bath room of her home at 4:30 in the afternoon by Columbus Hunter, the caretaker of the house, and passed away, without regaining consciousness, an hour later. Hunter had gone to her home to replenish the fires and found her after she had failed to answer his calls.

Mrs. Crowder had attended church services in the forenoon and had dined with Dr. and Mrs. Blackledge going to her home shortly afterwards.

Mrs. Crowder was born in St. Francois County, but had spent the last forty years of her life at Commerce. She was widely known throughout this section for her activities in social activities and church work. Funeral services will be held at the home in Commerce Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment will be in a Cape Girardeau cemetery.

Sterling Lee Brown, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown of Matthews, died January 6, of pneumonia. Funeral services were held January 7, the body being laid to rest in the Matthews Cemetery.

The Skeston Chapter of the D. A. R. met Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. C. Barrett, with Mesdames Barrett and M. M. Beck as hostesses. The principal business of the afternoon was the election of gress in Washington during the delegates to the Continental Commonwealth of April. Mrs. Frank Van Horne was in charge of the program, Mrs. W. S. Smith furnishing an interesting paper. The next meeting will be held February 22 at the home of Mrs. Wallace Applegate.

ANNOUNCEMENT
We are authorized to announce Jno. H. Goodin as a candidate for re-election to the office of Superintendent of Schools for Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

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FOR RENT—Modern cottage, without heat, 5 rooms and bath, pantry, garage, garden, stable. Gladys and School streets.—W. R. Griffin, telephone 764.

STRAYED—From my place, three mules, 1 black mare mule, 5 years old, 16 hands high; one brown mare mule, 15 hands high, about 9 years old; one brown bay horse mule about 7 years old, 16 hands. Reward for information leading to recovery.—Grover C. Baker.

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PROGRAM FOR 1927LONGEST TELEPHONE
CABLE IN WORLD

The longest telephone cable in the world, from St. Louis to New York, was opened for service on December 15.

The cable is 1206 miles in length, and contains 500 wires, forming 250 complete telephone circuits. As many telephone conversations can be carried on through the cable as are usually held over ten open wire pole lines. While these conversations are taking place, more than 500 telegraph messages can be sent through the cable simultaneously.

This cable provides dependable storm-proof service from St. Louis to the Atlantic Coast. It will be extended from St. Louis to connect other large centers in the south and west as the volume of long distance calls justifies its construction.

The Bell System uses about 30,000 tons of paper a year in the manufacture of telephone directories.

REDUCED LONG DISTANCE RATES START AT 7 P. M.

Expenditure to Provide for
Buildings, Equipment
and Repairs

According to present estimates, \$10,040,000 will be spent by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Missouri during 1927.

About one-fifth of this sum, or approximately \$2,304,000, will be expended for aerial construction which includes poles, wire, and cables. An additional amount of \$1,860,000 is provided for underground conduits and cable.

By the end of the year 225,300 miles of wire will have been added to the Southwestern System in Missouri, enough to go around the State along the border line 153 times. The greater portion of this wire will be in overhead and underground cables.

18,000 NEW TELEPHONES

It is estimated that 18,000 new telephones will be connected to the Bell System within the State during 1927. To insure adequate telephone service for the increasing demand, \$5,876,000 will be spent for land, buildings, and central office equipment. At the close of 1927, it is expected that there will be more than 646,300 Bell System telephones in the State.

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What Europe seems to want is handouts across the sea.—Wall Street Journal.

Without fertile soil and good crops the livestock industry could not flourish, says the United States Department of Agriculture. Corn, clover, and alfalfa are of great importance in the production of our meat supply. Eighty-nine per cent of the corn crop is used in the production of livestock, whereas only 11 per cent goes for export, human food, and other purposes.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Whereas, J. C. Gathings and Lavinia Gathings, his wife, and S. L. Pake and Madge Pake, his wife, by their certain Deed of Trust and chattel mortgage dated the 23rd day of April, 1925 and recorded in the Recorder's office of Scott County, at chattel mortgage Book 54 pages 153, 154 and 155, conveyed to the undersigned Ray B. Lucas all their right, title, interest and estate, in and to the following described personal property and Real Estate situated in the County of Scott, State of Missouri, viz:

One Three Stand Continental Gin located on the north part of the east half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 28, township 27, north of range 15 east, together with the land upon which said Three Stand Continental Gin is located, more fully described as follows: Beginning at a point on the east and west bisecting line of section 28, 342 feet east of the north-west corner of the east half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of said section 28 in township 27 north of range 15 east in Scott County, Missouri, thence south 6 rods, thence east to S. and W. right-of-way of Missouri Pacific Railway Company, thence northwesterly along said right-of-way to the east and west section line of said section 28, thence west to the point of beginning.

Which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of certain indebtedness in said deed of trust and chattel mortgage described and whereas said indebtedness has become due and is now unpaid, now therefore, in accordance with the provisions of said Deed of Trust and chattel mortgage, and at the request of the legal holder of said indebtedness I will proceed to sell the above described Real Estate and personal property at the east door of the court house in the Town of Benton, in the County of Scott State aforesaid, to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction, on

Wednesday, the 2nd day of February, 1927

between the hours of nine in the forenoon and five in the afternoon of that day to satisfy said indebtedness, together with the cost and expense of executing this trust.

RAY B. LUCAS

Trustee

Dated this 10th day of January, 1927.

Approximately 50 per cent of the sustenance of the livestock of this country comes from pasture, 25 per cent from corn, and the rest from other harvested feeds. Legumes in the rotation help to maintain the fertility of the soil and result in high corn yields.

There is no reason for hard times now. The fellow who has contracted to pay more monthly installment than his salary will stand in for hard times. The fellow who has never learned the value of money and has spent everything he made as he made it is in for hard times. The banks which have speculated with other people's money are in for hard times. Many banks are suffering because they have extended too much credit trying to help clients get through. The farmer who bought land a few years ago at an inflated price and did not unload in for hard times. And when all these things combine it takes a little while for readjustment. But there is nothing

which will stop this wonderful country of ours and nothing will subdue the courage and ability of our people. I am like Judge Gary. There is no real excuse for hard times and right now the people ought to feel mighty good about the situation.—William Southern, Jr., in his Jackson Examiner.



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KU KLUX KLAN MAKE NIGHT VISIT HERE

The Ku Klux Klan gave the first local manifestation of its power last Wednesday night, that has been evidenced in this community for several years.

About 8:30 of that evening, J. W. Buckles, who runs a filling station a quarter of a mile west of town on the Morehouse road, was aroused by a knocking upon his front door. He went to the door and was addressed by a man appearing like to get some gasoline.

Mr. Buckles went outside to the gasoline pump with him and as it was locked, took out his keys and started fumbling with the lock. It took him some little time to get the pump unlocked and when he turned to the man beside him, he saw a figure, clothed and hooded in the full regalia of the Ku Klux Klan. And then in the large sedan standing in the road nearby he beheld a number of similarly garbed men. Mr. Buckles admits that his apprehensions were aroused and his feelings must have been apparent for the man standing at his side (apparently the spokesman of the delegation) said to him, "You needn't be alarmed, Mr. Buckles. We didn't come here to do you any harm. What we want to know is if there is a man named Claude Faulkner staying at your house?"

Mr. Buckles replied that there was, but that he was certain that Mr. Faulkner and his wife had retired for the night.

The leader then said, "It's Claude Faulkner that we've come after. He abandoned his wife in Illinois and we want him to come back and straighten that little matter up."

He spoke at some length to Mr. Buckles, explaining the circumstance

of the case, stating that after leaving his wife, Faulkner went to Arkansas, received a divorce and promptly remarried and that now they had come to see that he took care of certain matters in Illinois.

Mr. Buckles requested that they not enter his house and frighten his wife, who is in poor health and after some consultation, he band contented themselves with leaving a message for Faulkner with Buckles, to the effect that he had better come back and straighten things up. They then took their departure.

The next day, Buckles told Faulkner of the preceding night's visitation and the latter was visibly worried. He told Buckles that the reason he had left his wife was that it had been impossible for him to get along with her and that he had decided over all his property to her and gone to Arkansas. He told him further, that he was going back to Illinois and try to straighten matters up and this he did, Friday.

AMERICAN LEGION WILL GIVE DANCE JANUARY 18

The Henry Meldrum Post of the American Legion will give a dance in the Armory Hall, January 18. Music will be furnished by the Original Harmonists Dance Orchestra, who are making a tour over the United States. They are a well-known orchestra, broadcasted regularly from radio station WGY the past year.

MRS. ERSIE BILL BIRKLA

Funeral services for Mrs. Ersie Bill Birkla, who died of tuberculosis at Koch Hospital, St. Louis, Saturday, were held here Sunday afternoon at the Methodist Church, Rev. Ensor presiding. Burial took place in the Sikeston cemetery.

Mrs. Birkla was born in Sikeston October 14, 1904 and was 22 years, 3 months and 24 days of age. She is survived by her husband, Calvin Birkla of St. Louis, a daughter, Mary N. Birkla, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gentle of Sikeston; two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Griffin of St. Louis and Mrs. Lena Winchester of Canaan and a brother, Paul Gentle, of New Madrid.

Mrs. Robert Mow will entertain the Wednesday afternoon Bridge Club, Wednesday afternoon.

Monday morning opened clear and cold. The thermometer registered 20 above zero, but the wind blowing from the north felt like 20 below zero. However, we are glad it was no worse.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth, Mrs. F. E. Mount, Miss Lucille Mount and Mrs. Miley Limbaugh attended the installation services of the Bloomfield Masonic and Eastern Star Orders, Friday night. They report an unusually beautiful ceremony was conducted, following which the Masons served a banquet at Parkers.

By catching a 39-pound coon and marketing 53 muskrat pelts in one day, A. M. Dowell of near Molina, Audrain County, has set a new pace for Northeast Missouri hunters and trappers. Dowell marketed 21 coon pelts, including the one from the 39-pounder, recently, receiving \$210, or an average of \$10 per pelt. The 53 muskrats brought \$87.45.



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Unordered Merchandise By Mail

One of the newest schemes encountered by the Better Business Bureau in recent months is the sending of unordered merchandise by mail.

Apparently, every day's mail brings ties, handkerchiefs, beads, etc., to hundreds of people—some purporting to come from persons in need of charity and others frankly coming from commercial institutions.

Inquiries at this office indicate that some persons believe that they either have to pay for the merchandise sent or go to the trouble of repacking it and sometimes paying the return postage.

One should not make use of such merchandise without payment, as such use might be construed as an acceptance of the offer. Simple receipt of the merchandise from the postman does not signify acceptance nor require you to pay for it.

It would be an interesting experiment if the majority of the people receiving unsolicited wares would merely lay them aside in a safe place and refuse to perform the labor involved in returning them.

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MUSIC SHOP CARRYING WELL KNOWN LINES

The Music Shop, which was recently opened by Mrs. Ronald Buckles in the Beck building on the corner of Front Street and Kingshighway, is carrying a well-known line of musical goods. Brunswick, Edison and Columbia records are being handled, Q. R. S. music rolls, sheet music, the monthly and weekly magazines and confections and tobacco.

NATIONAL GUARD ITEMS

Major Dudley, Captains Malone, Dye, Yount and Wheatley and Lieut. Shankle attended the Governor's Reception and Ball at Jefferson City last week-end.

The Armory mouse is of the opinion that he will select a packing box and start work on the construction of his winter and spring quarter in Mexico. As a tent at Camp Clark will be cold he desires contributions of soft rags to line the nest.

Orders giving the date of the Annual Armory Inspection for Company K in the third week in February have been received.

The payroll for the last quarter of 1926 is being checked and will be sent forward to the Corps Area Finance Officer this week. We have an idea that the next roll of this Company will be for a much larger amount and will be made out at a station other than Sikeston.

Instructions relative to the Annual Armory Inspection will be the order of battle for the next drill nights. Company K is out for a high rating, and what it takes to get such a rating, we believe we have. Check us up on this later.

Charles Robert Darwin, W. E. Gladstone, Alfred Tennyson and Abraham Lincoln were born in the same year, 1809.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Horning and daughter, Miss Imo, spent Friday and Saturday in Sikeston with friends. They live in Indiana.

A traveling man walked into a certain well known store here this week, and while waiting for the manager to be at leisure, fell into conversation with two of the women clerks. As is so often the case with the talk of salesmen, his remarks were of a somewhat flattering nature. "Neither of you are married, I suppose?" he asked.

"I am. Why. I've been married six years", one of the women informed him.

He surveyed her rather critically and then said: "I can hardly believe it. You sure don't look like you could have been married six long years."

And the clerk, by this time a bit flustered and embarrassed, replied: "Well, maybe I don't, but you ought to see my husband. He's the one that shows it".

The home in Blytheville, Ark., of O. W. McCutchen, owner of the Malene Theatre here, was destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon, according to word received here. The full extent of the loss or particulars concerning same, have not as yet been received.

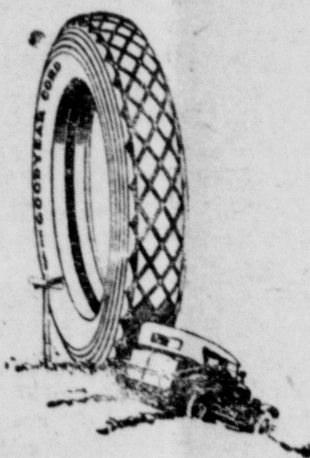
Jim Pitman is back from a trip to Memphis and points south looking for an opening in cleaning and tailoring. Things are quiet down that way and friends of the Pitman family in Sikeston believe he could do just as well, or better, to open a cleaning and pressing business here at his home with his family to assist him.

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LOST—Child's enameled mesh bag. Contained small change and handkerchief. Return to The Standard for reward.

FIRST CREDITOR'S MEETING

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Missouri. In the matter of Mrs. Clara Compass, bankrupt.

In Bankruptcy No. 1013 To the Creditors of Mrs. Clara Compass, of Oran, Missouri and District aforesaid, Bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on January 8, 1927, said Mrs. C. Compass was adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of creditors will be held at the office of the undersigned Referee in Bankruptcy, Suite 1 and 2, Houck Building, 128 Main Street, in the City of Cape Girardeau, State of Missouri, on January 22nd, 1927, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time and place the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such business as may properly come before said meeting.

At said meeting the creditors will consider the advisability of the sale of all the assets, real estate and personal property of said estate at public or private sale, subject to approval or confirmation by the court.

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HIGHWAY BANQUET TO BE FEBRUARY 9

The annual banquet for the employees of Division No. 10 of the Missouri State Highway Department, has been announced for February 9.

The banquet will be held in the Community Building at Benton and will be served by the ladies of the Catholic church at that place. In addition to the 180 employees of the division who will be present, invitations have been extended to the members of the State Highway Commission, to former Chief Engineer P. H. Piepmeyer, to Chief Engineer T. H. Cupter, and to several members of the State Department at Jefferson City.

Arrangements are being made to care for two hundred people.

The banquet will be preceded by a meeting in the afternoon of the employees of the division. This will be held in the Circuit Court room of the Court House and will be devoted to a discussion of the work of the highway and to addresses from the members of the Highway Commission.

The evening will be devoted solely to the banquet and to the special entertainment features that are being planned for that event.

A MERITED REBUKE

Dr. Walter J. Swingle, an official of the United States department of agriculture, has brought from China a great strawberry, which he says has marvelous beauty giving powers, reducing weight and clearing the complexion. It is known as yangmei in China, where it grows on a tree, is hardy, defies frost and bears beautiful flowers.

With all due respect to the presumably learned doctor, that is all hokum. The heathen Chinese has been kidding him. In the first place a fruit that grows on a tree is not a strawberry, no matter what it looks and tastes like. In the second place, there ain't no food that will give a person beauty.

We have known homely gals who have gorged on carrots, stood behind doors and swallowed chicken hearts whole and drunk the nauseous brew of esoteric herbs reported to assure pulchritude. But none of them have had their fare paid to Atlantic City to date. And despite all the exercises, diets and drugs guaranteed to reduce weight, we have yet to see a hefty matron who by taking thought has subtracted one ounce from her avoirdupois.

The only certain methods for a girl to become better looking are two. She must either become poor and eat less heartily or become rich and wear better clothes. This truth may be bitter, but it is undeniable and Dr. Swingle has aroused hopes that are bound to be disappointed. His job as a representative of the department of agriculture has to do with fatter livestock and not with thinner women. He would do well to return to his proper tasks and not go fooling around with trick strawberries that grow on trees.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

Think how the King of Italy would be flattered if somebody should shoot at him.—Hartford Times.

The British golf championship is held by an American and the American tennis championship is held by a Parisian. The occasion seems to be ripe for an Hawaiian to grab the ski-jumping title.—Detroit News.

RADIO INVENTION REPLACES TUBES

Macon, Ga., January 6.—Dr. Palmer H. Craig, youthful head of the department of physics at Mercer University and inventor of a simple device that is to displace batteries and vacuum tubes in radio, is the most talked of man at the college today following announcement at chapel that he had been offered \$100,000 for his invention.

Dr. Craig, not yet 30, is in his first year as a member of the Mercer faculty. He is an inventive genius, as shown by the fact that he developed the invention upon which he immediately applied for a patent, for his thesis at the University of Cincinnati, when he received his degree of doctor of philosophy last June.

From a comparatively small annual salary to \$100,000 in one jump is tempting. Dr. Craig admitted today, but he said he had not decided just what to do with the offer from the Westinghouse Electric Company. It is understood that the company wants to buy all rights and his friends believe that he will accept the cash.

Now that the Prince of Wales has decided to abandon steeplechasing, his loving people may hope that he will not try to become an aviator.—Boston Transcript.

In a study of 48,000 yearly individual production records of dairy cows, a comparison was made of purebreds and grades of the same breeds. The grades averaged 6999 pounds of milk a year per cow, whereas purebreds exceeded this amount by 668 pounds, or about nine and a half per cent. In production of butterfat, gross income per cow, and income over cost of feed, the purebreds excelled the grades by about ten per cent. It should be remembered also that the average production of the grades was so high largely because of the influence of their purebred ancestry.

SICK HEADACHE

No Pleasure, Says Ohio Lady, to Go Places, Till She Took Black-Draught Which Brought Relief.

Langsville, Ohio.—"For years and years I suffered with severe headache," says Mrs. Jane Campbell, of this place. "It wasn't any pleasure for me to go places, for I came home with sick headache. If I went to church or to any social gathering or to town to shop, when I got back I would have these headaches and have to go to bed for a day or more, till I would just get out of heart and would not try to go."

"About 15 years ago I discovered that Black-Draught was good for these headaches. I began using it. I would take it two or three nights in succession if I felt the least bad, and it sure did wonders for me. It is about 14 years since I had sick headaches, and I can go places and really enjoy life. It sure is splendid."

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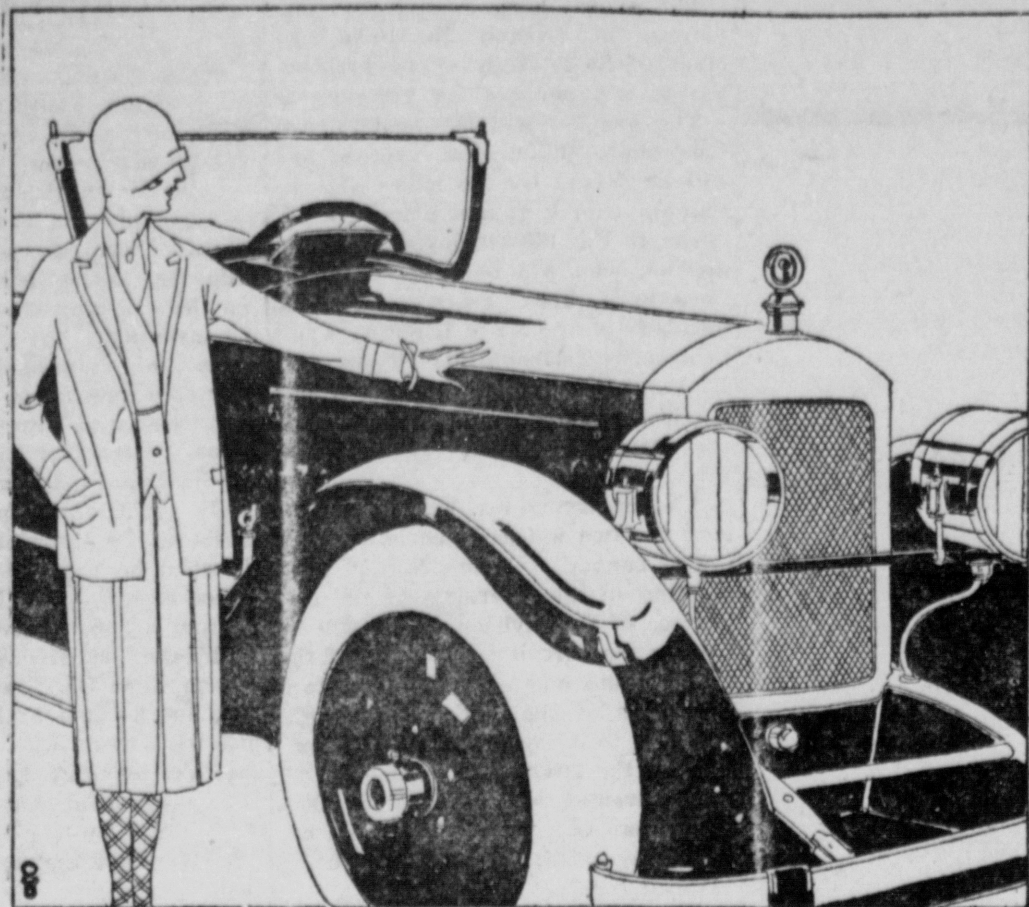
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Some News---Some Views

CORN BORER ROUSES ILLINOIS FARMERS

Chicago, Ill., January 6.—Agricultural experts of Illinois aroused by the discovery in Kankakee County, Ind., of a single specimen of the European corn borer hastened plans today for instructing the farmers how to defeat the pests.

The State Corn Borer Control Committee was called by George A. Fox, secretary of the Illinois Agricultural Association, to meet in Chicago, January 14, to plan precautions and the association sent word to county farm advisers, to inform their farmers and to caution them to make careful checks of their fields.

Control of the borer will be the principal work of the farm organizations and farmers. The association said the borer could be controlled if farmers cleaned up their fields, burning all stubble or turning it under.

Five inspectors of the State Department of agriculture will be sent into Ohio for quick inspection of infested fields and then will be sent through the Kankakee County area.

W. P. Flint, state entomologist is in Washington to attend conferences on corn borer relief, for which the Funnell bill would appropriate \$10,000,000.

The borer, an inch-long brown worm, tunnels through corn stalks and ears of corn, causing entire fields to collapse.

Reindeer hair, shed in spring by the animals, is gathered and sold by the Eskimos for stuffing for life preservers.

The Hannibal Chamber of Commerce, through its Board of Directors, Thursday went on record in favor of a new state road bond issue of \$100,000,000. A resolution was adopted requesting the Highway Commission to take steps "to give the people of Missouri an opportunity at the earliest possible date to express themselves on this matter in order that Missouri may be pulled entirely out of the mud."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Lena Galeener to George Galeener 1.156 acres Skeston, \$6000.

Security Savings Bank of Chaffee to T. M. Wiggs, lots 21 block 26 Chaffee, \$140.

J. F. Misfeldt to Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., 360 acres 16-27-15, \$5000.

B. F. Anderson to Ella Old, lots 37, 38, Commerce, \$150.

George Chappell to Ike Kugman, lots 23, 24 blk 9 Lightner addition Ilmo, \$10.

David Shroyer to Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., land 33-28-14, \$6500. Chaffee Lbr. Co. to F. M. Martin, lots 16, 17 blk. 25 Chaffee, \$1.

Lelia Henson to Ray Taylor, lot 1, outblock 51 Skeston, \$1.

George Norman to Ray Taylor, lot 1, outblock 22, part outblock 51 Skeston, \$500.

Frederick Wittmore to Katy Owens 2 acres 8-29-13, \$1.

Bank of Maplewood to J. H. Spurling, 77.406 acres 18-27-13, \$5000.

Marshall More to Norman Strus, 119.66 acres Survey 1841, \$4400.

Walter Biggs to E. R. Tisdell, lot 4 outblock 2 Blodgett, \$12.

Norvell Guethle et al to A. L. Guethle, lots 3, 4, blk. 9, haffee, \$650.

Arthur Garrison to Leo Schott, lot 7 block 3 Bice 1st addition Perkins, \$20.

Leo C. Essner to Joseph Buhs, 80.42 acres 7-28-14, \$1.

Laura Allison to Mary Presnell, lot 5 blk. 4 McCoy-Tanner 1st addition Skeston, \$1.

M. Q. Tanner to Effie Patterson, lot 16 blk. 2 High School addition Skeston, \$250.

John Smith to Charles Schultz, lots 19, 20 block 12 Chaffee, \$1200.—Benton Democrat.

In June, 1875, an accident to one of the experimental "harmonic telegraph" instruments causing a vibration to be reproduced on a similar instrument in the next room gave Alexander Graham Bell the idea for the telephone.

RIISING RIVER CAUSES SOME CONCERN AT CARUTHERSVILLE

Caruthersville, January 7.—Considerable concern is felt here and in the adjoining territory because of the steady rise expected in the Mississippi River during the next few days.

Apprehension has been expressed as to conditions at Gayso Bend, a few miles above here, which point has given concern because of the constant eating out of the bank for the past several years.

A great deal of time and money has been spent there in recent years in an effort as yet not entirely successful to stop the erosion of the bank where the river makes a sharp turn. Revetment work has failed to hold and the Levee Board has been forced to move its loops further inland two or three times in comparatively recent years.

It was planned to construct a new loop at Gayoso last spring, but the work which it was thought would be sufficient and because of the double expenditure thus involved. High water has prevented the completion of this revetment.

A New Jersey schoolgirl found a dime coined in 1783. The coin is worth about \$300.

In the Ozarks a "blowing" cave, in which the temperature stays around 40 degrees Fahrenheit, is used by the fruit growers of the vicinity as a mammoth storage plant.

The soybean acreage on this country increased from less than 500,000 acres in 1917 to about 2,200,000 acres in 1923, says the United States Department of Agriculture. The product of 1,000,000 acres was used for hay, that 700,000 acres for pasture and ensilage, and 500,000 acres was used for seed. This increase in acreage is largely due to the development of better-adapted varieties.

The total value of the soybean crop in 1924, the last year for which data are available, was \$18,360,000, and of this value the new varieties were responsible for a little more than half.

IN MY WAY

By Warren T. Kingsbury

Most of us, when out upon the street, have something—important or not—weighing upon our mind. That is, those of us troubled with a mind. Some people seem to be in a perpetual state of blissful unconcern that never harbors worry and thus go gaily along, chipper as the sparrows, which like themselves seem to have as their special dispensation the protection of the Lord.

But, as we were saying, we are ordinarily so full of our own problems, avoidance of bill collectors and such, that we pass other people by with not even a thought. It never occurs to us that each person we pass, every loaf we see leaning against the walls, has some particular reason for being there and that if we were able to look into the workings of his mind and analyze the thoughts wandering about there, we would have a number of interesting stories.

Just an average afternoon, the common run of people on the streets, and yet, if one will but pause and study, things of interest to be seen. Two negro boys shuffling along, hands in pockets, coats tattered and torn. A sign "Hot Lunch and Coffee" painted on the window of a barbecue stand, catches their eye and they stand looking wistfully in before moving slowly on with reluctant looks back over their shoulders. One doesn't need to be told that the pockets in which their hands dangle are empty of coins and that within their stomachs is a space equally void.

Just now, the height of luxury to these darkies would be a good square meal. Just to feel the front of their bellies pressing tightly out against their belts, would be their idea of paradise. And this thought calls to my mind the opinion that our idea of prosperity is largely dependent upon our immediate circumstances. For instance, to the negro, prosperity means three full meals a day. To the man without a job, just any kind of work that will provide him with a place to stay and the money to meet his immediate necessities. The man, working is never satisfied with his job, but wants something a little better that will enable him to buy the things he cannot afford now.

And the same is true of the salaried man. He wants a better salary, he wants a better position and he feels that if he had these he would be prosperous. Even the financier, the man whose wealth is almost beyond belief to the ordinary man, is not content when he reads, of the millions accumulated by Ford and Rockefeller. Had he their wealth, he would feel prosperous. And even they, with the wealth of a Midas, are not contented as we realize from fluctuations in the price of Fords and gasoline which take place as they struggle to control their respective markets.

A cotton wagon rattles briskly along, its load gone. One wonders how its driver feels about the price of cotton and what story is connected with the raising and harvesting of that crop?

A youth leaning idly against a wall, waiting for what? His eyes listlessly wander about the street and finally come to rest on the sidewalk before him. Two girls, the attractive age, pass by, and a flicker of interest leaps into his eyes as they unconsciously follow the two girls up the street.

An elderly man, a long, tightly buttoned oilcloth cloak about him, limps along with steps scarcely a foot long. And as he goes, he slowly munches at a sandwich. Where did he come from? Where is he going? How did he become lame? Another story—untold!

A car starts up with a thunderous sound. They rattle and roar, but seem to keep going somehow.

A couple pass by, arm in arm. Surprising this, for they are not so young as they used to be and one is accustomed to seeing such reminders of courtship days vanish at the age which they have reached now.

He's built like a prize fighter. He may be one for all I know for I've never seen him before and he certainly has a swaggering air, a barrel-like chest, which he throws out in front of him, a bull neck and a protruding jaw. He might be one of the extras kept by the movies for the "rush ace". More likely he's in from the farm for a day.

A youngster on a Shetland pony, the center of a group of admiring friends who are for the most part mounted upon bicycles. How proud he seems of that pony, and why not?

A girl, walking along the street. Tagging along, a collie dog running ahead and barking, then back to nip gaily at the home of her skirt. He's a jolly companion, this collie. I envy her his affection.

So valuable was the Mexican cacao bean up to fifty years ago that the entire populace of Mexico used it as money. One bean passed for a cent.

THIS WEEK IN MO. HISTORY

"Father of the University of Missouri" is the glorious tribute paid to James Sidney Rollins, one of Missouri's most noted and versatile public men who died January 9, 1888, at his home in Columbia. He was, besides being a strong advocate of higher education, a statesman, orator, and business man, but he is known chiefly because of his services to the University.

Mr. Rollins was born at Richmond, Ky., April 19, 1812, of a prominent pioneer family of Scotch-Irish and English ancestry. He received an excellent education by attending several colleges and universities, graduating from one of the latter the University of Indiana, with the highest class honors. He prepared himself for law, and began its practice at the age of twenty-two.

His father having moved to Boone county, Missouri, young Rollins followed and became associated with an able lawyer at Fayette. At the outbreak of the Black Hawk Indian War in 1832, he volunteered and served as a major on the staff of Major-General Richard Gentry.

He then devoted his time to his profession and the publication of a newspaper, the Patriot, at Columbia. He was early interested in public affairs, and as a consequence was elected, at the youthful age of twenty-four, a delegate to the first railroad convention held west of the Mississippi River. From this time on he almost continuously devoted his time to public affairs.

The services of Maj. Rollins to the cause of education, more particularly to the University of Missouri, undoubtedly stand out as his chief claim to fame and immortality. In 1839, while in the State Legislature, he helped to pass the bill establishing the University, and later aided in getting it located at Columbia. He participated in the laying of the corner stone of the main building, July 4, 1840. School work started in 1841. But his outstanding service to the institution, for which he officially received the title of "Father of the University of Missouri", was that given it in its hour of need—when without sufficient income to maintain itself. At this time, being a member of the legislature, he devoted himself to the relief of the school, and secured the passage that insured its permanent support. He also aided, as a patron of education, the establishment of the Normal Schools and Lincoln Institute for negroes.

Maj. Rollins received no little prominence as a statesman and politician. Doubtless he would have gone higher in this field had he not been affiliated with a minority party. He served three terms in the lower house and two in the upper house of the State Legislature, and two terms in Congress. He was considered one of the ablest members of these bodies. He was a Whig leader in the state, and was twice its nominee for governor. But since the Whigs were in the minority, he was defeated both times. However, many of his supporters believed his last defeat was due to fraud. Maj. Rollins, at the outbreak of the Civil War, threw himself on the side of the Union even though he himself was an owner of slaves. While a member of Congress he was always back of the larger, more worthwhile measures.

Maj. Rollins was an able orator. His oratory has been described as being like that of Clay's—"made up of plausible reasoning, sober discussion of important questions, and seasoned with personalities and anecdotes". He was, indeed, a speaker with a personality.

Maj. Rollins died at his home in Columbia, January 9, 1888, and was buried in the Columbia cemetery. His death was mourned throughout the whole state.

He was tall and commanding and well proportioned. His facial features were boldly and clearly cut. His noble manner and gracious address bespoke a gentleman of education and culture. Altogether, his presence was a striking one, and was noted in any assemblage, social or political, as distinguished and conspicuous.



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FRENCH FIND BRITAIN OWES FEW BILLIONS

Paris, January 3.—Following closely upon another friendly but quite firm reminder from Britain that she would like to have France begin payment on her debt, a little group of earnest Frenchmen have delved into the musty records of history and discovered what they claim to be an unpaid English bill to France, which, with interest computed, amounts to several billions of francs.

This "little note", as the French call it, goes back, it seems, to 1803, when Napoleon I warred with England and interned a thousand or more Englishmen who had residence in France at that time. Seven hundred of these were sent to Verdun, where, it would appear, they lived "upon the fat of the land", and not at all like detailed enemies should.

According to Robt. Parisot, Stephanie Lausanne and others who have investigated the matter, the Englishmen and their families did not permit lack of ready cash to influence their style of living, for, by successful and repeated borrowing from every one in Verdun, including bankers and shop keepers, they succeeded in enjoying the finest wines and the fattest chickens, until finally, when they were repatriated in 1814, they owed 4,000,000 gold francs.

In the confusion of Napoleon's abdication, internes had been suddenly ordered to the South of France and soon afterward returned to England without regulating their accounts.

For twenty-five years, so the investigators have learned, many efforts were made to collect, but finally hope was given up and presumably the debt was charged off to profit and loss.

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